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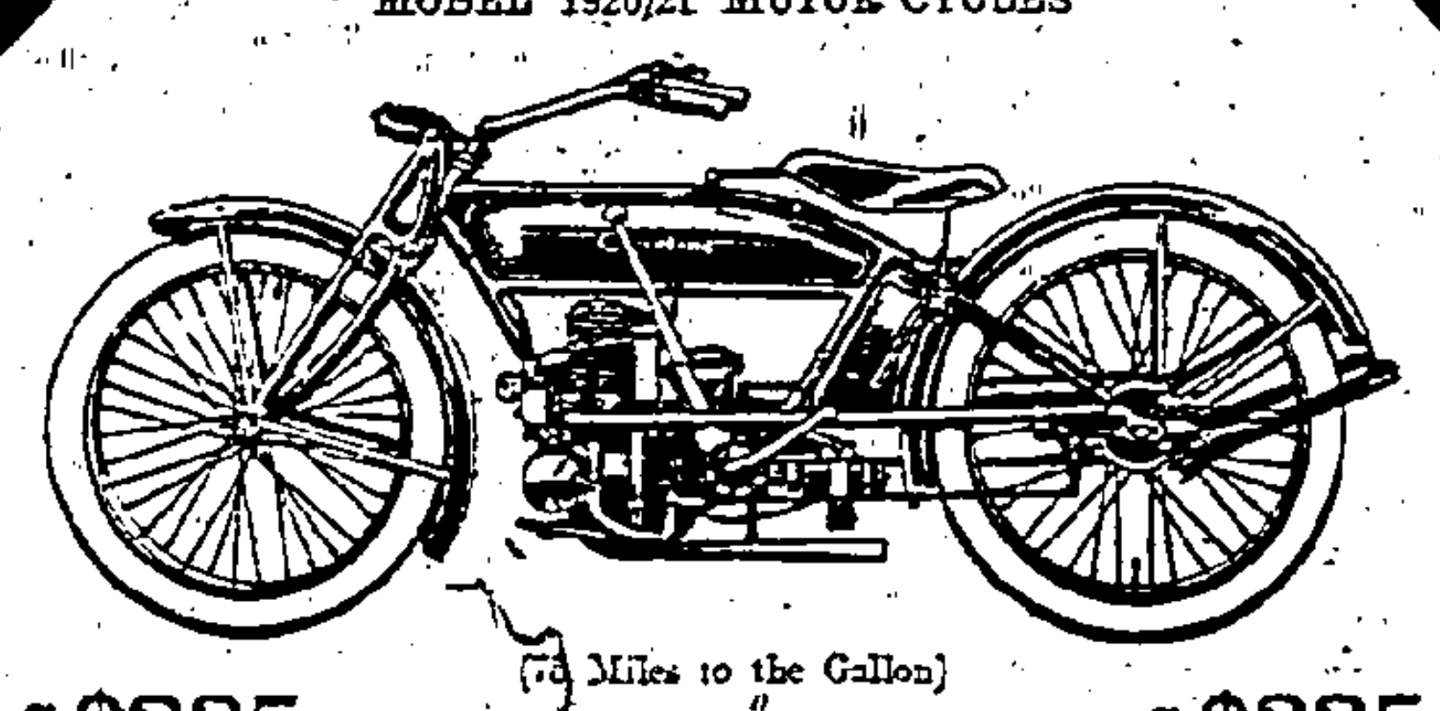

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HONGKONG IN 1920.

A CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

JANUARY.

3.—K.C.C. Children's sports.

6.—Meeting of China Light and Power Company. St. George's Ball.

7.—Meeting of the K.C.C.

8.—Annual meeting of Ladies' section Golf Club.

9.—Departure of the Manchesters.

10.—Boxing tournament.

12.—Tennis League meeting.

13.—Meeting of China Borneo Company Ltd.

14.—Meeting of West Point Building Company Ltd.

16.—Congregation for conferring degrees at Hongkong University. Sir Henry May, G.C.M.G., and Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., receive hon. degree of LL.D.

19.—Prize distribution at Italian Convent School.

20.—Inaugural meeting of Kowloon Residents' Association.

23.—Prize distribution at Kowloon British School.

24.—Burns dinner.

28.—Meeting of Hongkong Electric Company Ltd. Prize distribution at Victoria British School.

29.—Meeting of Hongkong General Electric Company, Hongkong Land reclamation Company and Hongkong Land Investment Company.

29.—Legislative Council Meeting.

30.—Saiyingpun School prize distribution. Engineers Ball. Annual meeting of St. Andrews Church. Meeting of Benevolent Society.

FEBRUARY.

3.—Aerial Society formed in Hongkong by Chamber of Commerce.

4.—Meeting of Ladies' Recreation Club.

5.—Meeting of Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd. Legislative Council meeting.

6.—Meeting of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. Prize distribution at Ellis Kadoorie School.

7.—Meeting of Bank of East Asia, Ltd. His Excellency entertains men returned from the war.

9.—Union Water Boat Co., Ltd. meeting. St. Joseph's College prize distribution.

10.—Hongkong and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., meeting. Belilios School prize distribution.

11.—Hongkong Jockey Club races, first day.

12.—Prize distributions at Ying Wah and St. Paul's Schools. Hongkong Jockey Club races, second day.

13.—Theatrical performance by Hongkong University students. Hongkong Jockey Club races, third day. Wiltshire Regiment novices' boxing competition.

14.—Boxing tournament. Hongkong Jockey Club races, fourth day. Distribution of prizes at Queen's College.

16.—Extraordinary meeting of Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.

17.—Meeting of Gymkhana Club. Prize distribution, Diocesan Girl's School.

18.—Meeting of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Big robbery at Messrs. Mohideen & Co., Queen's Road, Central. Auction of Race Ponies, highest price paid for Sunspot, $1,850 by Mr. E. C. Rock. Enquiry into the stranding of the s.s. "Hong Wan I" off Amoy.

26.—Meeting of Legislative Council. Prize distribution at St. Francis School.

27.—Chamber of Commerce entertains Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G. at dinner in the Hongkong Hotel. Prizes distribution at St. Mary's School.

28.—Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Regatta. Chinese Y.M.C.A. Sports. Boxing display at Kowloon British School. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation meeting at City Hall.

MARCH.

4.—Annual show of Hongkong Horticultural Society at Botanical Gardens. Meeting of Legislative Council.

5.—Hongkong Boxing Association tournament.

6.—Meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. Chinese community entertain Hon. Mr. Claud Severn. The Hon. Mr. Severn entertained by Civil Service Cricket Club.

7.—Special congregation for conferring degrees of the Hongkong University. Degree of LL.D. conferred on Sir John Jordan, passing through the Colony on his way Home.

9.—Departure of Hon. Mr. Claud Severn.

15.—Annual Meeting of St. George's Society. Police Reserve presentation to Mr. Eustace.

18.—Meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company at which a dividend of $1 was declared.

25.—Meeting at St. Patrick's Hall to form a Catholic Men's Club.

26.—Mr. Walker retiring from managership of the Dairy Farm is entertained at dinner by his colleagues. Annual meeting of the Institution of Shipbuilders and Engineers.

27.—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company meeting. Dividend of 7 per cent declared. Meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company.

29.—Annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce.

30.—Meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Dividend declared $27 per share. Meeting of the Association of Exporters and Dealers.

31.—Hongkong University sports.

APRIL.

2.—Oratorio at St. John's Cathedral.

4.—Fitters' strike.

5.—Death of Mr. W. J. Tutcher, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, and a well known Mason.

6.—Dog Show Association meets and decides to hold a Dog, Cat and Poultry Show if sufficient entries are forthcoming.

8.—Club Lusitano sports. Queen's College sports.

9.—Arrival of the s.s. "Professor" with Naval reliefs.

10.—R.H.K.Y.C. closing cruise. St. Joseph's College sports. Students of the Diocesan School entertain Mr. H. Sykes at farewell dinner at the Kam Ling Hotel, West Point.

12.—Hongkong Polo Club annual meeting.

13.—Dog and Poultry fanciers' meeting at City Hall.

14.—Hongkong Tramway Company's ordinary general meeting. Hon. Mr. John Johnstone makes statement on fitters' strike. Education [illegible]

15.—Constitutional Reform Association meeting. St. Stephen's College sports.

17.—Gande, Price and Company meeting. Motor accident to Captain McGrath on Repulse Bay Road. K.C.C. golf section dinner. Hongkong Gymkhana Club's second meeting of the season at racecourse.

19.—Wm. Powell and Company meeting.

20.—Jail Reform Committee's report published. Chamber of Commerce Aviation meeting. Union Church Jumble sale. Mother's Union sale of work at Helena May Institute. Fitters' strike settled.

23.—K.B.G.C. meeting. Hongkong Schools' sports. H.E. the Governor inspects Police.

24.—V. R. C. sports. Juvenile sports.

26.—Musicale at Helena May Institute. R. Townsend beat O. Rumjahn in semi-final of Singles Tennis Championship of the Colony.

27.—Yaumati School sports. Rev. and Mrs J. Kirk Maconachie leave for Home.

28.—Local journalists entertained on board H.M.S. "Cairo."

30.—Death of Mr D. K. Moss.

MAY.

1.—5th annual dog, cat and poultry show at racecourse. Farewell to Bishop Lander at the Chinese Y.M.C.A.

3.—Wedding of Capt. Victor R. Ullman, M.C., and Mlle. Marie Sudakoff, daughter of M. Alexander Sudakoff, former Deputy Minister of Finance for Russia, at St. John's Cathedral. Lift boys' strike. Mr. Leo Longinotto admitted to practise as solicitor in the Supreme Court.

4.—Meeting at City Hall re Praya East Reclamation.

5.—Mr. A. R. Lowe elected to represent Justices of Peace on the Legislative Council, defeating Mr. T. F. Hough, the only other nominee, by 40 votes to 26. Farewell "at home" to Bishop Lander at Helena May Institute.

6.—Mr. S. A. Lopes of the Hongkong Tramway Co., wins $127,000 in the Shanghai Champions sweep. Bishop and Mrs. Lander leave for Home.

7.—The s.s. "Songma" wrecked in Honghom Bay. Fire on board the s.s. "Ixion" in Taikoo Docks. Entertainment at the R.A. Theatre in aid of the Catholic Men's Club.

8.—The s.s. "Szechuen" launched at Taikoo. Dr. K. S. Tai, Ph. D., Diplomatic Commissioner of the Canton Military Government and Private Secretary to General Li Lieh Chun, entertains British and Chinese journalists of Hongkong at dinner at the Ting Ting Hotel, West Point.

10.—Commander and Mrs. Kilgour and Mr. Leefe meet with motor accident on Castle Peak Road. Remains of Mrs. W. G. Humphreys who died at Monclair Hospital, New Jersey, U.S.A., brought to Hongkong and interred at Happy Valley.

11.—Hongkong Horticultural Society annual meeting.

13.—Blackwood furniture makers' strike. Final of Mixed Tennis Handicap Doubles Championship of the Colony won by Major Bowen and Mrs. Timmis who defeat Major and Mrs. Greenaway.

15.—Police recruits hold meeting to discuss revised scale of pay. 3rd Gymkhana meeting at racecourse.

18.—The s.s. "Dagmar" sold by auction to the Anglo-China s.s. Co., for $10,000. Li Hoi Shing sentenced to death for murder of Warders Speed and Harnum Singh. Hongkong Football League annual meeting.

19.—F. A. Redmond beats Captain Olliver in final of Class A Handicap Tennis Singles of H.K.C.C. tournament.

20.—Lo brothers defeat Ng Sze Kwong and A. H. Rumjahn for Doubles Tennis Championship of the Colony.

21.—Union Insurance Society of Canton annual meeting.

22.—Hongkong Electric Company annual meeting.

24.—Empire Day. Impressive services at the Churches. Mr. Tam Lai Ting of No. 32, Caine Road, merchant and godown owner of Canton, sues Mr. Wong Fak In, Editor of the Hongkong *Shan Po* in Supreme Court for libel.

25.—Ng Sze Kowng defeats M. W. Lo for Singles Tennis Championship of the Colony. Magistrate Hutchison fixes $1 as compensation for the loss of an eye. Canton Insurance Office Ltd., ordinary annual meeting.

26.—Dr. Wu Ting Fang's application in Supreme Court for an order against the interim injunction to prevent him from removing moneys deposited by him in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, set aside by Judge Gompertz.

28.—The Rt. Hon. Sir Joseph West Ridgeway, P.C., G.C.B. G.C.M.G., and his Private Secretary, Col. Perry, arrive. Stay a few days as guests of Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs, at Government House, while awaiting passage to England on the "Novara."

JUNE.

2.—Annual meeting of Star Ferry Company.

3.—King's Birthday celebrated with reception and ball at Government House.

5.—First flying exhibition at Repulse Bay by Capt. Ricou and the pilots of the Macao Aerial Transport Co. King's Birthday Parade abandoned owing to inclement weather.

7.—Death of Mr. G. W. Gegg of Messrs Hughes and Hough.

10.—Arrival of Crown Prince Carol of Roumania on a brief visit.

12.—Flotilla of nine gunboats and sloops, escorted by H. M. light cruiser "Colombo" arrives to take up station.

14.—"Pharies" of H.M.S. "Titania" give performance at Theatre Royal.

15.—Marine Court enquiry into loss of the s.s. "Fausang."

16.—Formal opening of the Catholic Men's Club.

17.—Legislative Council Meeting.

18.—Lawn Bowls Association meeting.

19.—Hongkong Gymkhana Club's Extra meeting at racecourse.

20.—Dragon boat festival at North Point.

21.—Death of Mr A. G. Gordon, old and respected resident of Hongkong, in Bombay. Visit of French cruiser "Desaix."

22.—Big fire in Staunton Street.

24.—Legislative Council meeting.

25.—Death at sea of Capt. F. E. Hamilton of the s.s. "Pnompenh."

26.—Jewel Robbery at Messrs. J. Ullmann & Co.

28.—H.M. light cruiser "Curlew" arrives on China Station.

JULY.

1.—Boiler explosion on board the Portuguese steamer "Suntak," in harbour.

3.—W. J. Williams of the Dockyard shoots Chinese detective in mistake for a robber. Royal Engineers' Old Comrade Association smoking concert, at R.E. Theatre.

4.—Hongkong Interport Polo team leaves for Shanghai by s.s. "Empress of Russia."

5.—Local Americans celebrate the Fourth of July by reception at Hongkong Hotel.

8.—Anniversary of the Battle of Trones Wood celebrated by Parade of the Wiltshire Regiment.

9.—Hongkong Aero Club meeting.

12.—Presentation on board H.M.S. "Tamar" of Royal Humane Society Medals and Testimonials. Fire on board the s.s. "Methven" in harbour.

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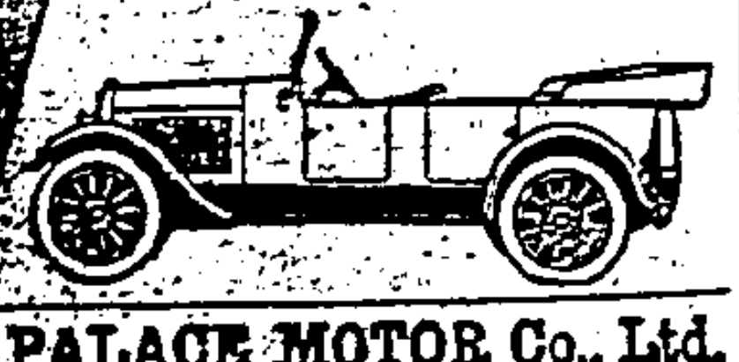

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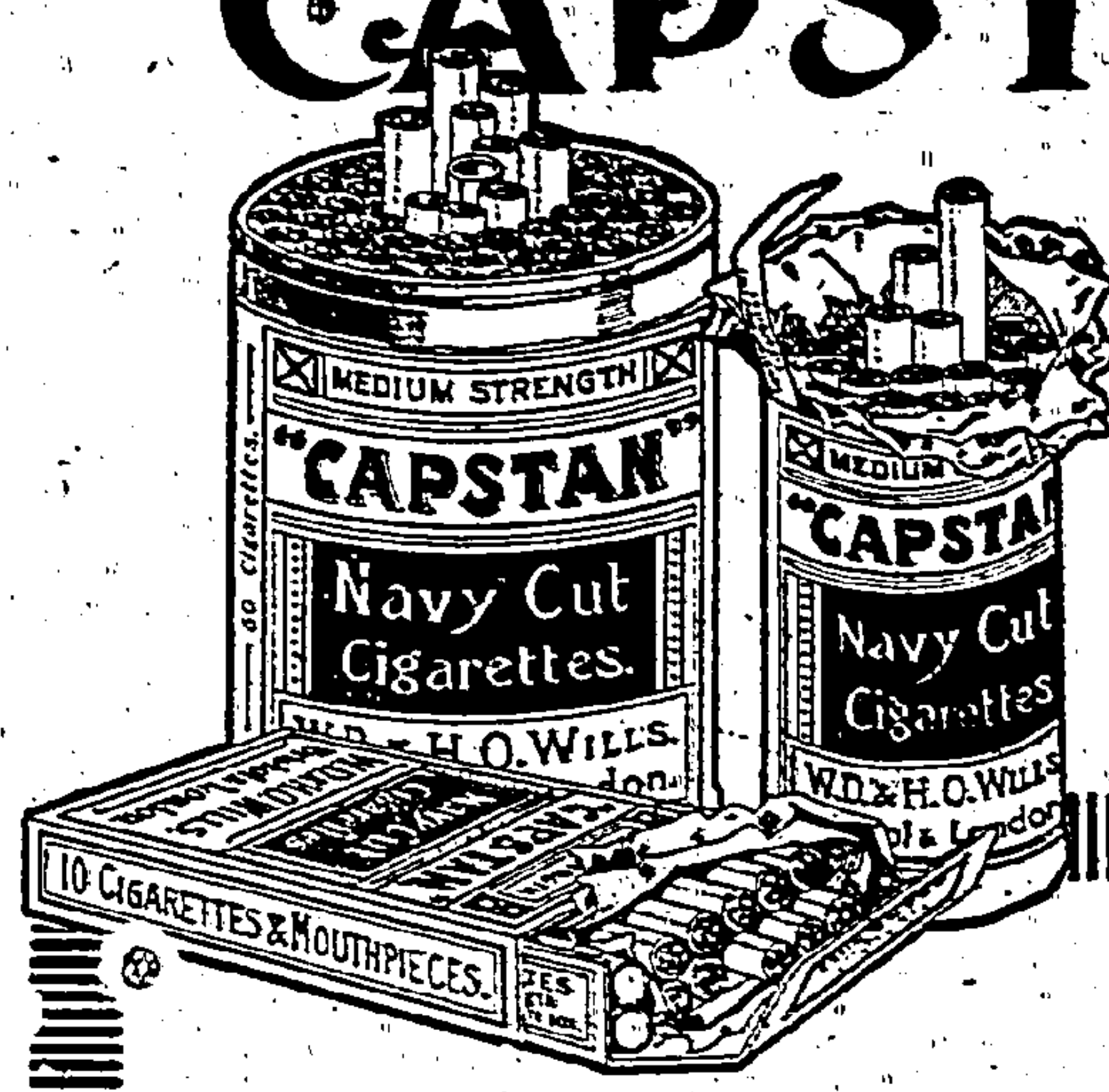

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VIEWS OF AN AUTHORITY.

Referring to recent movements in foreign exchanges, an authority in the *Daily Telegraph* writes that these movements may, of course, be merely a natural reaction after the recent severe depression, but it would seem to be greatly to the interest of the United States to do what it can to prevent further disorganisation. It is not difficult to understand that the fewer the dollars which the sound sterling will purchase, the greater must be the cost of the goods for which we have to pay in dollars. Similarly, if the French have to give us 58 francs for a £, instead of the normal 25.20f. it is clear that the cost of what they buy from us is more than doubled. It should be added that while a heavily depreciated currency is detrimental because it lowers the foreign purchasing power of a country, it is by no means an unmixed blessing to the country whose currency is at a premium, since it is obvious that, if the depreciation goes far enough, a stage is reached, as is the case with Austria, Poland, and Russia, when the countries with depreciated currencies cease to be able to purchase abroad, and the would-be exporting countries lose the former outlets for their goods.

To those who are not closely connected with exchange operations it has been a surprise that, concurrently with the improvement in our trade balance, which we are told, is now in our favour after due allowance for invisible exports, the New York exchange should have been persistently moving against us. We know, of course, that, apart from private banking transactions our Government owes the United States about $4,800,000,000, and that we import, and must continue to import, from the States far more than we export to them. But on the bulk of this foreign debt we are not at present paying interest, and the repayment of $250,000,000 on Oct. 15 might have been expected to have had a beneficial effect on the exchange. Again, it is known that Americans have recently been buying securities — Brazilian, Mexican, Japanese, Chinese, and other bonds—to a very substantial extent on the London market, which should have tended to steady the exchange. That it has not done so is undoubtedly due in no small degree to the fact, which was succinctly stated by the chairman of Barclays Bank so long ago as last January, that the rate for dollar exchange is now really a "New York-Europe" rate, and not a "New York-London" rate.

VIEWS OF AN AMERICAN AUTHORITY.

This statement has been admirably elucidated by Professor B. M. Anderson, junior, in the October bulletin of the Chase National Bank of New York. In dealing with the basic cause of bank expansion and tight money in the United States he finds that the one-sided trade with Europe has created a wholly abnormal situation, which resulted in Europe owing, on Sept. 15, an unfunded debt of over $3,500,000,000 to private individuals, banks, and corporations in the United States. This is in addition to the $10,000,000,000 advanced by the United States Government to European Governments, and in addition to American investments in European securities. The greatest part of this unfunded debt has been piled up since the middle of 1919, as the United States Government had by that time practically ceased making advances to finance the export trade. "Since the middle of 1919 virtually the whole export balance has gone on open account, and so contributed to the unfunded debt," the increase of which has been accompanied by a great collapse in foreign exchange rates, and now we have the confirmation, if it were needed, from an American source of Mr. Goodenough's statement concerning the rate for dollar exchange.

The creation of so great an unfunded debt, says the professor, appears to be primarily due to the intermediation of London, which has largely assumed financial responsibility for the Continent, and which has stood between the United States and the Continent in the process. London has purchased with sterling or with short-term dollar obligations the great bulk of the franc, lire, and other Continental exchanges created in the States, and has in other ways provided dollars for the use of the Continent. London has also purchased great quantities of goods from the United States and other parts of the non-European world for cash or on short credits, which she has resold to the Continent on long credits. "As a consequence, sterling exchange has been unduly depressed as compared with its intrinsic merits, while Continental exchange rates have been held above the figures which they would have reached in the absence of London's support."

WORLD'S FINANCIAL CENTRE.

That Great Britain has done its full share in financing devastated Europe is something to be proud of, but the result is that the major part of Europe's unfunded debt to the United States is concentrated on London. We are glad to learn from a highly competent foreign critic that London remains, what London has always been, the great market for international moneys. But the position has its limitations, and it is becoming a question how much longer we can continue to finance European countries at our expense. It is true that unless we gave long credits to these countries they would not buy our goods, but when our exports go to the Continent they do not provide us with exchanges that can be converted into dollars to pay for our imports from the States or South America. Hence the increasing difficulty of our position in relation to the United States, and since France, Italy, &c., when they buy goods in the States, do so through London and pay us in francs or lire for the sterling required to buy dollars for them, it is evident that while depreciating their own currencies in sterling they at the same time depreciate sterling in terms of dollars.

For the depreciation of the currencies of the European belligerents there are other reasons besides the necessity of imports of food and for reconstruction purposes. The huge note issues of the State banks, and their heavy advances to their Governments, are important factors, but we are now mainly concerned with the dollar exchange as it affects us. It would seem that the remedy lies in the more liberal granting of long-term loans by the United States, and in increased investment in European securities. It must be remembered that London has been buying, and continues to buy, large Continental holdings of securities with an international market—Chilian, Brazilian, Chinese bonds, &c.—which go to swell our invisible imports. On the other hand, we learn from Professor Anderson that, while the New York banks will buy francs or lire from their customers, they "usually resell, and will sell most readily in London as a rule." The severe depreciation in sterling is therefore anomalous, in his opinion, except upon the theory that London is upholding the credit of the Continent, which means that "if London withdrew her support from Continental exchanges the Continental exchange rates would fall sharply and sterling would rise sharply." Such a remedy, however, might prove almost worse than the disease. In the meantime, however, it seems pretty clear that tight money in the States can be traced to the bank expansion resulting from the unfunded debt of Europe (chiefly London) to the States, and that the expansion of British banks is largely due to the growth of the unfunded debt of the Continent to London—a situation which is not very pleasant for us.

The following incident, which occurred in Singapore recently, deserved a larger audience than it actually enjoyed, says the *Malaya Tribune*:—

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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(*Reader's Service to the China Mail.*)

FAR EASTERN COMMERCE.

SHANGHAI MAN ON BRITISH TRADE PROSPECTS IN CHINA.

INCREASING COMPETITION.

LONDON, December 30.

In an article in the Board of Trade *Journal* on the prospects of British trade in China, Mr. H. H. Fox, who is about to return to Shanghai after six months in Britain, and who recently completed a tour of the principal commercial and industrial centres of Britain and Ireland, says that he found an unexpected degree of interest being taken by British manufacturers in China and far more business being done with China than he had realised. He sugggests that in view of the present development of China's foreign trade and the increasing competition of America, Japan and other countries in the Far East, British manufacturers should take steps to get into closer touch with Chinese markets. He hopes that the practice of sending travellers to China will be continued.

IMPORTANCE OF HONGKONG.

Mr. Fox, however, expresses the opinion that the best channel for selling British goods in China is through the British merchant firms, who have their own house in London or Manchester and branches at least at Shanghai, and Hongkong and preferably Tientsin and Hankow also. He was much impressed by the unanimity with which firms in Britain testified to the commercial honesty of the Chinese and satisfactoriness of the business done with China. He believes that this praise is fully deserved as far as the older generation of Chinese merchants in the treaty ports is concerned. He hopes that the younger generation will realise the importance of maintaining this high reputation, but the credit is largely due to British merchant houses in China. Mr. Fox does not recommend dealing direct with native firms in China at present owing to practical disadvantages.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPANSION POSSIBLE.

Mr. Fox emphasises that in the case of China immediate results must not be expected and manufacturers must be prepared to pay for their footing, but China's foreign trade is steadily growing and extraordinary expansion is possible in the next few years given internal order and the extension of the railway system. Therefore he strongly urges the British manufacturer to turn his attention to China. Cheapness has hitherto been the determining factor in the sale of foreign goods in China. Undoubtedly British trade is greatly handicapped by the comparatively high prices of British goods but it is certain that as the industrial development of China proceeds and the export trade increases the Chinese will want better class goods, thus benefiting British trade. He is certain that given equal opportunity in China and steady output at Home, the British need not fear foreign competition.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS SPLIT.

COMMUNISTS COMPLETE WORK OF DISINTEGRATION.

NO SPLIT IN BRITISH LABOUR PARTY.

TOURS, December 30.

Two groups walked out when the vote of the Socialist Congress adhering to Moscow was announced. The Congress continues but split into three conferences meeting simultaneously.

PARIS, December 30.

The newspapers, commenting on the split, point out that the communists have merely completed the work of disintegration initiated last May since when the memberships of the Seine Trade Union Federation has fallen from 292,000 to 140,000, and the General Confederation of Labour from 1,500,000 to 600,000.

LONDON, December 30.

Rumours of a split in the British Labour Party were denied at the headquarters in London to-day. An official stated the present tendency was towards greater unity. Repeated applications by some British Bolshevists to enter the party had been rejected.

FAMOUS FILM STARS MARRY.

NEW YORK December 30.

A double "movie" wedding was celebrated when two famous film stars, Dorothy Gish and Constance Talmadge married James Rennie, the well known actor and John Pialoglou, a Greek tobacco planter, respectively.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail.*)

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

TILDEN'S VICTORY AGAINST BROOKES.

JOHNSTON BEATS PATTERSON.

AUCKLAND, December 30.

Tilden's victory against Brookes demonstrated the overpowering nature of the American's cannon ball services. After annexing two sets Tilden slacked up and Brookes scored nine successive games, thus leading 3-0 in the fourth set. After that Tilden scored at least twenty service aces. Subsequently Johnston overwhelmed Patterson in a fashion the Davis Cup player had never before experienced. Johnston's hurricane forehand drive was unplayable. It persistently punished Patterson's backhand strokes, again demonstrating the futility of the Australian's unorthodox backhand stroke, the production of which must be greatly altered if Patterson hopes to retain his place in Davis Cup tennis. At one stage Johnston scored eleven successive aces. He showed throughout a complete mastery of his opponent's game. There were very few rallies. There was a most brilliant performance of the American's super-hitting which was very remarkable. In a fashion Johnston killed Patterson's usually terrifying services. The opinion is expressed that to-day's results have settled the fate of the Davis Cup.

BONDS OF EMPIRE.

LINKS FORGED BY OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

LONDON, December 30.

Queen Alexandra in a message to the League of Empire sends her best wishes for a very happy and successful new year to all helping to forge the strong Empire bond between the teachers and schools throughout the Empire. Queen Alexandra points out that under the League's scheme overseas teachers are now coming to the mother country for a year's sojourn while home teachers are visiting the younger lands of the Empire in order to gain inspiration and experience.

CONSTANTINE'S RETURN.

GREECE'S FERVENT DESIRE FOR ALLIED FRIENDSHIP.

LONDON, December 30.

Reuter understand that the Greek reply to the Entente regarding the recall of Constantine warmly declared that the friendship of Greece for the Allies was never greater than to-day. It points out that Constantine is the rightful king. He never abdicated and now has been recalled by the overwhelming vote of the Greek people. The reply adds that the most fervent desire of Greece is to co-operate in the fullest manner possible with the Allies.

ORIENTAL STUDIES.

BIG INCREASE IN LONDON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

LONDON, December 30.

The report of the governing body of the School of Oriental Studies in London for the eleven months ending July 31 shows a roll of 539 students, of which 145 were wowmen, compared with 266 (166 women) last year. Instruction is given in 31 Oriental and African languages. The largest demand has been for Arabic but the students of Chinese and Hindustani have showed a marked increase.

INTER-VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY RACE.

LONDON, December 30.

At Roehampton in the 7½ miles inter-varsity cross-country race the combined Oxford and Cambridge team beat the Cornell University of America by 29 to 26 points. The individual placings were as follows: McInnes (Oxford), time: 42 min. 9 4/5 secs.; Parker (Cornell) 42 min. 44 secs.; McDermott (Cornell), 43 min. 4 3/5 secs.; Montague (Oxford) 43 min. [illegible] secs.; Marsh (Cambridge) 43 min. 15 secs. Each side ran seven men [illegible] only five counted in the race.

WHY KRASSIN WAS RECALLED.

LONDON, December 30.

A Moscow wireless message states that Krassin was recalled to consult the Soviet regarding "Britain's evasions of her obligations regarding trading with Russia."

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(*Reuter's Service to the China Mail*)

BIG ISSUE OF INCOME BONDS

DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY IN THE FAR EAST.

A WEALTHY CORPORATION.

LONDON, December 30.

The *Evening News* understands that 200,000 10 per cent. income bonds of £5 each of the Amalgamated Trading and Industrial Corporation Limited are shortly being issued guaranteed as regards capital by the Sun Life Insurance Company. The Corporation itself has a capital of £2,000,000 in ordinary shares of £1 each. It proposes to associate itself with Chinese capital and enterprise for the development of trade and industry in the Far East. The Corporation will be registered at Jersey so that Chinese capitalists participating will not have to pay British income tax, excess profits duty, and corporation tax.

DISARMING GERMANY.

FURTHER DELAYS TO INVITE DEFINITE ACTION.

LONDON, December 30.

The diplomatic correspondent of the *Evening Standard* is authoritatively informed that unless the German Government immediately undertakes by definite action to meet her disarmament obligations, France will be empowered to act. While the British Government is generally satisfied with the way in which Germany has met her obligations regarding the regular army, all the Allies are united in sympathy with the protests against the formidable self-defence organisations which the German Government declares it is unable to disband or to control.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

RECORD NUMBER OF CABINET MEETINGS.

IRISH PROBLEM CONSIDERED.

LONDON, December 30.

The political activity is reflected by the fact that there have been four meetings of the Cabinet since Christmas, breaking all records. Two meetings were held yesterday at which, besides unemployment and pressing departmental matters, ministers discussed Ireland in the presence of General Macready. It is understood that reports were submitted showing the steady progress being made in restoring order. No fresh developments have been reported in connection with the Irish peace overtures. It is pointed out in official circles that the next move lies with the Sinn Fein members of Parliament.

BOXING IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, December 30.

At New Jersey, Freddy Welsh technically knocked out Willy Green in the fourth round, Green refusing to continue on the plea of an injured shoulder.

THE LIVERPOOL FIRES.

LONDON, December 30.

Six men and two women were charged at Liverpool with conspiracy in connection with the burnings on November 27 and were remanded after a statement by a representative of the Public Prosecutor that the damage amounted to over £1,000,000.

KWANGTUNG COAL.

MAJOR CASSEL IN CANTON.

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT CANCELLED.

According to the *Canton Times*, the preliminary agreement signed between former Military Governor [illegible]ung-hsien and former Acting Governor Chang Chin-fong on [illegible] part, in behalf of the [illegible] Government, and Major [illegible] Cassel, representing the proposed Kwangtung Collieries, a British concern, for the development of coal mines in the Province of Kwangtung, has been cancelled by the present administration here, according to a leading official. For the signing of the agreement, Mu and Chang have already got $100,000. The Government will have to return this sum to the syndicate.

It is understood that Major Cassel is still looking for the project. The local authorities will entertain any reasonable proposition, and the Kwangtung Collieries may after all come to stay, as the Cantonese are not unfavourable to the development of their natural resources with foreign capital, provided that the agreement will not be disadvantageous to the interest of the province.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY

NEW VICE-CHANCELLOR.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AND FINE ADMINISTRATOR.

The announcement has been recorded that Sir William Brunyate, K.C.M.G., has been invited to occupy the important position of Vice-Chancellor in the University of Hongkong. We happen to be in a position to state that Lord Milner himself nominated this fine scholar and administrator as the result of the urgent requests of the University authorities, says the *N.C. Daily News* in an editorial. One of the most emphatic recommendations of the Commission which recently investigated the affairs of the University was the urgent need of appointing a distinguised Vice-Chancellor. For more than two years, since September 1918, when Sir Charles Eliot went to Siberia as British High Commissioner, the post has been vacant, and while no doubt every effort was made to fill it, the result of all endeavours was that only temporary measures were adopted for administrative work. However, it is but fair to say that the only real trouble of the University as exposed by the Kommission was inadequate endowment, and, as a consequence, some of the members of the Staff became very pessimistic about their prospects, and resigned. With the appointment of a new and distinguished Vice Chancellor we may be sure that the staff will find encouragement and it is to be believed that, as a result of the changes which have taken place, the facilities for instruction at the University have greatly improved.

A central fact, one well worth noting, of the result of the recent discussion in Hongkong concerning the University, is that the Government of the Colony has actually made a magnificent donation of one million dollars to the funds of that institution. It has also promised an additional donation of $700,000 which will be available in the near future for endowments. Our readers may recall that about ten years ago the Hongkong Government gave the splendid site upon which the University stands, and subsequently enlarged the original gift of land. The site is about one million square feet and it is said to be valued at a dollar per square foot. So much for the local Government support, although we understand that each year a substantial sum will be voted as an annual grant to the University. All this has been done as a result of the recommendations of the University Commission.

It is however, not quite clear why that Commission was appointed. As far as we can understand there had been a considerable increase in expenditure at the University during the previous two years. We do not know if there had been a deficit in the days when Sir Charles Eliot was acting as Principal and Vice-Chancellor. The then Governor of the Colony of Hongkong, Sir Henry May, was a sharp financial guardian. However, when he and Sir Charles Eliot left the Colony a new policy of expansion for the University was announced by the Officer Administering the Government, who appealed for funds for endowment purposes, and new staff were engaged. Unfortunately there was not the response to the appeal that had been expected. The new staff had to be paid. There was a deficit. And now the Government has apparently made up the deficit and arranged that there shall be an annual increase in revenue.

That is only a part of the financial story. *The other thing to be noticed* is that the Government has already asked for money for specific purposes, for new and extended workshops, for a chair of medicine and for other purposes, all schemes worthy of support. The one thing essential for the young Chinese is to make them practical. We should like to see every one of the students taking a scientific course in addition to any literary studies with which he may be occupied.

However, it is with the present rather than the future of the University that we are concerned. There is, in South China, an Institution founded by the British for Young Chinese. The buildings have cost, in actual cash, a million and a quarter dollars. The Scientific—including Engineering and Medical—equipment is valued at £70,000. The site is said to be worth a million dollars. The annual expenditure is nearly $400,000 and as the fees of each student are $300 per annum and the total number of students is about 220, it follows that it costs about five times as much as the student pays in fees to educate him.

Now the really astonishing thing about this institution is that the major portion of the cost of it has been borne by Asiatics who are British subjects. The original donor was a Parsee merchant for 50 years in Hongkong. The late Mr. Loke Yeow, C.M.G., of the Federated Malay States, said that his large donations to the University were a tribute of his appreciation of the privileges which had come to him as a British subject. The Chinese Government and Chinese citizens have never given the financial support to the Hongkong University that might reasonably be expected. There are wealthy Chinese merchants in Shanghai and Hongkong and we suggest to them that by offering to build new workshops in the University of Hongkong they will be aiding their own countrymen *to develop China's natural resources* and to cope with the evils of famine and flood. Possibly the new Vice-Chancellor will think it advisable to visit Shanghai and North China: if so, we can assure him that he will receive a sympathetic audience from all those who wish to see the young Chinese trained in scientific subjects.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

His Excellency gave a dinner party last evening in honour of Major-General F. Ventris, C.B.

The guests present were—H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir A. L. Duff, K.C.B., R.N., Miss Duff, Flag-Lieut. R. R. Stewart, R.N., H.E. Major-General Sir G. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., Lady Kirkpatrick, Miss Kirkpatrick, Miss M. Kirkpatrick, His Honour Mr. Justice Gompertz, Mrs. Gompertz, Commodore C. Bowden Smith, C.B.E., R.N., Mrs. Bowden Smith, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Mrs. Kemp, Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, Hon. Sir Pa[illegible]ter, C.M.G., Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Mrs. Chatham, Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, O.B.E., Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mrs. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mrs. Parr, Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Capt. P. P. Legg, M.C., Lieut. C. S. Fisher, M.C.

Capt. C. B. Ballard, R.N., H.M.S. "Colombo," called this morning at Government House and was received by His Excellency.

Mr. S. Paul, who has been a member of St. John's Cathedral Choir for the past ten years, has been in the habit of leaving his hat, and stick and occasionally his coat, on the first seat inside the west door, during choir practice. Last evening he left a new raincoat valued at $25 on this seat, but it was missing when he went for it later. The matter has been reported to the Cathedral authorities and to the Police.

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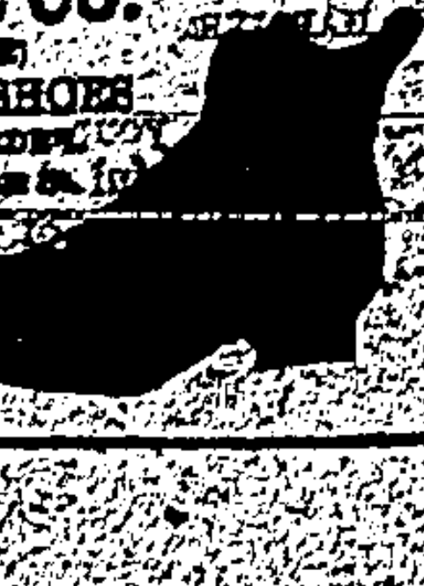

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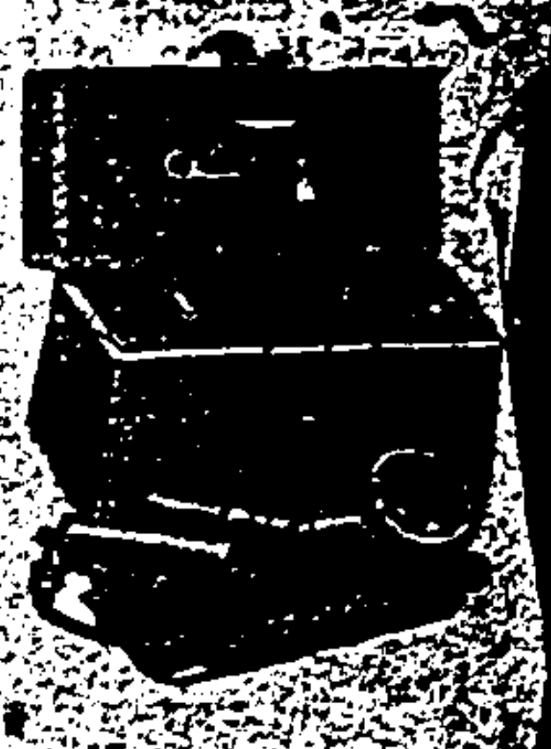

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FRENCH.—On Thursday, December 23, 1920, at Grove Park, London, to Mr. and Mrs. S. B. French, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HOLT—MORGAN.—On December 25, 1920, at Shanghai, Grenshaw B. Holt, of Virginia, to Louise, daughter of the late Joseph Morgan, of Shanghai.

he China Mail.

, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE.'

KONG, FRIDAY, DEC. 31, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

OR 1921. To everyone of you, "touch wood and whistle," a happy prosperous New Year. May dollar go up (or down) just as when you want it.

AN ADVERTENCE? In one of the local leading articles I read on Wednesday, ling very intelligently with appy Bland's nonsensical gestion that China is over-pulated, and that the Chinese ld go in for Malthusianism, I me across this phrase, quoted m Mr. Bland's own words: "Mr. nd advocates organized educa- propaganda towards imation of the birthrate approximate to the stan- civilized countries."

I have been hearing more from people who applied to the Government in con- with its swanky home- loan scheme and who were refused. I again challenge the government to publish the list of those to whom loans were granted and of those to whom loans were refused. I aver that it is one of those things that would not "bear investigation." In this matter the government may or may not have been "stupid," but it cannot claim to have been "well meaning." The allusions are to the leader in yesterday's *China Mail*, on "Hongkong Chinese," which see.

ANOTHER WELL-MEANING GOVERNMENT. In a recent number of *The New Statesman*, "H.E.C." had a clever and killing parody on Kipling's well-known poem "If." I am sure I need not apologise for quoting it fully.

If you could keep your seat when
those about you
Were losing theirs—the men
whom once you knew;
If you can keep your job when
all men doubt you,
And know there's reason in
their doubting, too;
If you can wait, and not be tired
of waiting
And they, while you 'twixt
hopes and fears are torn
Shall judge your merits, care-
fully estimating
The price for which your con-
science went in pawn;
If you can turn your back on him
that taught you,
If you can think, but not make
thought the test,
And say when sounds the voice
of him that bought you:
"Whatever seemeth good to
him is best;"
If you can hear the truths you
used to cherish
Twisted by knaves to make a
trap for fools,
Or see the things you gave your
life to perish,
And play the game, but not
observe the rules;
If you can bear to hear the words
you utter
Branded as lies, and know the
charge is true;
If you can trail your manhood
in the gutter,
And swear that black is white,
and red is blue;
If you can bring your heart, and
mind, and honour,
And lay them on the altar of
your gain,
And woo the fickle jade, and
fawn upon her,
Nor count the sacrifice you
make as vain;
If neither foes nor loving friends
can hurt you,
But all men count with you for
what they bring;
If you can talk to hungry crowds
by virtue
Of readiness to promise any-
thing;
If you can spend each unfor-
giving minute
In graft and scheming, heed-
ing not the slime,
The Coalition welcomes you
within it,
And, what is more—you'll get
a job—in time!

POLICE SHOOTING SEASON OPENS. Now that the shooting of our police seems to have started again, I want to ask if it is true, as is commonly believed, that our police, although armed, are under orders not to fire unless they are first fired at. Although I am profoundly convinced of the sacredness of human life, and deprecate the use of lethal weapons generally, I feel that in the case of such desperadoes as we are here concerned with our police should be given the utmost freedom of discretion. In this connection it is interesting to recall an incident at a labour riot at Kowloon, when the Police Reserves were called out. They had actually levelled arms, when a Chinese called out to his bamboo-armed fellows: "Lay down your sticks. Be peaceable. These are not regular police. They are reserves, and they will surely shoot."

UNIVERSITY NOTES. A correspondent who desires to be labelled "The Chiel" sends me a long letter about a paragram I had last week, on "University Amenities." I was reprimanding a doubtful criticism, couched in terms of humbug, and doing it teasingly, as one knowing all the parties. "The Chiel" seems to take serious objection to Invigilator's "piffle." He complains that there was nothing in it to justify the heading, "University Notes." Such a heading, he says, "makes us expect to read something about the University." He suggests that the editor who paid for it did not get value for his money, which is, after all, the editor's affair. His complaint that he wasted time looking for University notes that were not there is the sounder. I advise "Invigilator" to be more careful in future, or these young men will be after him. Behold (Acts V.9) the feet of them are at the door.

BOXING. I suppose it is now up to me to apologise to my editor for bringing upon him with my last week's notes on boxing the terrors of a lawyer's letter. It isn't that I said anything very dreadful, but these things are always a bother. Now we have it clearly stated in the lawyer's letter that the captain of the *Hawkins* takes full responsibility for what is called the boxing hitch. That should satisfy the public, which has been grumbling to us, that it wasn't the fault of poor Wildin, or of the Boxing Association.

RECORD. In exactly two years I have had three of these lawyer's letters and one prosecution for contempt of court. In two of the three cases, apology and retraction was made. Considering the nature of my duties as public watchdog and censor, that is not a lot. Even if they had all been bad mistakes, two per annum is not superhuman. But they were not. We should never have been convicted for contempt in the circumstances, and would probably have upset it by appealing Home, but what was to be gained by such expensive procedure? Nothing. We hope our public, which seems to appreciate our policy of outspokenness, will appreciate the risks we run in obliging them.

TAILORS. As a result of the recent tailors' strike in Hongkong, the Chinese master tailors who used to charge us twelve dollars for making up a suit of our own material, now plead that they are obliged to charge sixteen. It is understood that the men were pacified with a thirty per cent. increase. The masters are charging an increase of 33 and a third. 'Twas ever thus. It is indeed an ill wind that blows *them* no good.

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. If only you had what somebody else has, how happy you could be. Thus sometimes your thought has run. It is an awful delusion. Raising the "standard of living" in another, though this should not prevent us from helping the downtrodden who have no standard worth mentioning. Anybody who has lived in various social strata, now high, now low, will tell you that the environment has little to do with happiness, which is largely subjective. Tchekhov, the Russian short story writer, has a fine moral tale of a shoemaker, who longed to be a "gentleman," and have a carriage, lots of money, and "a full-bosomed lady in a red dress" for a wife. He finds, when his wish is realized, that there were many enjoyable things in the old life in which he is not now permitted to indulge. When he became again the humble shoemaker, he mused: "Some were able to drive in a carriage, and others to sing songs at the top of their voice and to play the concertina, but one and the same thing, the same grave, was awaiting all alike, and there was nothing in life for which one would give the devil even a tiny scrap of one's soul."

GENTLEMEN. "Is. Thomas Partington a gentleman?" That, oddly and illogically, is the question being asked about town, since Reuter on Wednesday thought it worth while to cable a quotation from a bit of London journalism by that hitherto obscure young man. Illogical I have called it, and I stand to that, but it is assuredly very human and natural. Many people still ask the critic if he can paint as good a picture or write as good a book as the one he criticises, and they seem quite sure in their minds that if the answer be no, then the critique is invalidated. It is an old delusion. A character in Disraeli's "Lothair" describes critics as "men who have failed in literature and art" and was anticipated by Shelley, who said that "as a bankrupt thief turns thief-taker in despair, so an unsuccessful author turns critic." Quite possibly true of individuals, as a general proposition it is false and unjust. The looker-on may see most of the game. A sound critic may be otherwise incapable, and though Thomas Partington may not himself be a gentleman, he may be a competent assessor of gentility. That is what I should feel obliged to ascertain, were I to take his censures seriously, which I am not doing.

DEFINITIONS. He is reported by Reuter to have published in *The Financier* a statement to the effect that the men coming out to engage in trade here since the Armistice are not gentlemen, and have alienated their Chinese customers. He is extremely unlikely to have counted on this being republished locally, as it is understood he intends to return, and his welcome now will be of dubious warmth—unless he finds it too hot. Unless we have met and studied the majority of the commercial men who have arrived since the Armistice, we have no right to decide the merits or demerits of his assertion at all, except, perhaps, to point out that on the face of it it looks too sweeping. In the sense of one old definition, however, we might assent, and say that the assertion was transparently superfluous, if we agree that no gentleman could possibly engage in trade. That we are not likely to agree to. I recall meeting one gentleman who would. Of an old family, a large landowner, his title to gentility would not be questioned in some quarters, yet I did not consider him a gentleman. Quite the contrary. He was an ill-mannered person. Is it, then, a matter of mere deportment? Many think so. I don't. I have my own definition of a real gentleman, but will not inflict it upon you now, especially as I am quite sure it does not coincide with Partington's.

PROVE ALL THINGS. Search. Research. Examine. Prove all things. Take nothing for granted. Observe with the most careful scrutiny of all what you suppose to be truths self-evident. In yesterday's *Morning Post* "Invigilator" said, "One great British student of the Chinese language once told me this. He blandly said that Kwangtung was more civilized than England. He was quite in earnest." That's all. Beyond the impressive period after the first sentence, the intrusion of the adverb "blandly," and the assurance that the proposition was not advanced as a joke, we get no answer, no argument, no enquiry, no investigation. To the invigilant "Invigilator" the proposition was merely unthinkable. I am in no hurry to accept it, especially after the recent history of the province; but it is not self-evidently false. The suggestion that it is is unscientific and purely chauvinistic. The "giant intellects" for which this writer professes so much admiration did not approach propositions in that way. His excuse for not learning Chinese, that he is afraid of being denationalized, is idle; he is quite evidently in no danger of that.

CASTING STONES. The sense of humour saves men from blindness to their own faults. Refreshingly frank is this comment by the Albany *Times-Union*: "Just when we were beginning to enjoy cussing England for her treatment of Ireland, here comes that Haiti mess." Officials almost everywhere seem to have decided that might is the only right.

NOT DEAD. According to a Denver paper, the wild west bandit has died out. He seems to have revived at Yaumati.

LABOUR TROUBLES. That labour troubles are not a new thing a Cromwellian chronicle shows. In 1535, it says, a crowd of shoemakers sat outside the town of Wisbech, waiting while their delegates in the town negotiated with the masters. They passed a resolution, thus worded: "There shall none come into the town to serve for that wage within a twelvemonth and a day but we woll have an arme or a legge of hym, except they woll take an othe as wee have doon." Still older and more truly typical is the story in the twentieth chapter of Matthew, which has more than one moral.

QUERY? I do not know if the unfortunate police officer who was shot this week by robbers has left any dependents. If he has, I presume we will hear of it, and be allowed to subscribe help. But I think it should be pointed out that public subscriptions, or subscriptions from the service, need not be called for were the government more generous—or, shall I say, more just. I have in the past written about their pay, and such painful incidents as this serve to remind us how well they earn what little they get.

FRENCHMAN ON AMERICANS. M. Louis Thomas, writing in *L'Opinion*, Paris, has been giving his impressions of America. He thinks that Americans are greedy for praise, and take compliments too literally. The "polite formula" of Frenchmen persuaded them, he says, that they had won the war; they were misled by "diplomatic small change." M. Thomas in his article has fewer doubts about the intellectual supremacy of his own race, and perhaps we should remember that it was written for home consumption. His assumption that there is less culture in America than in France strikes me as unfounded. I got the impression that culture there was more widely diffused than in many lands I know. Our American friends can afford to take such criticisms good-humouredly. They should see what the French papers are now saying about us British.

RUSSIAN CONSULATE. It was only to be expected that with the discontinuance of the Tsarist Russian consulates in China, the one in Hongkong would follow, as it did belatedly this week. It is a long time since I pointed out the absurdity of recognizing official representatives of a non-existent government. We are certainly in no hurry to welcome Soviet representatives—from all accounts further changes may be expected in Russia—but there was no excuse for carrying on so long the Tsarist officials. One wonders whence the necessary money came from.

"MOLOKWAI." "Truth" sends in an interesting letter, on the meaning of this expression, for using which in the hearing of a sensitive Indian policeman a Chinese woman has just been fined. I was myself surprised at the imposition of a fine, deeming a caution quite enough. "Truth" points out that usage has robbed the affix "kwai" of its original meaning of "devil." It now has the same meaning as "ese" in Chinese, Japanese, Burmese, Siamese, etc. In the same way the local Chinese say, unintending offence, "fan kwai lo" for foreigner, "Hau lan kwai" for Hollanders, "Sai yeung kwai" for Portuguese, and "Hung mo kwai" for English. So to them now, according to this correspondent, who is a Chinese gentleman, "molo" means Indian and, in that connection, "kwai" merely man, an Indian man. In this case of a mother's warning to her infant, "Be good, or this molo kwai will get you," it is absurd to suppose an intentional insult, and if the dignity of the law has to be maintained by fines for such "crimes," it is indeed in parlous case.

XMAS CARDS. Apart from the Xmas greetings received as a private individual, I have been surprised, and of course gratified, by the number of Christmas cards sent to me as "Adversarius." Almost every port in China is represented, and cards also came from much farther afield, while the local salutations sent me were enough to make my colleague "Peter Pan" jealous. I thank you one and all, and trust we may all remain as friendly until next Christmas.

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GOVERNMENT PROMISES LEGISLATION.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 30.

A representative meeting of rubber planters approved the recommendation of the special committee that legislation should be enforced restricting all production to 50 per cent. of that of the corresponding period in 1920. The Government has promised to legislate if unanimity is forthcoming.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The *China Mail* will re-appear on Monday.

One case of paratyphoid, British, was reported yesterday.

While engaged in dismantling H. M. S. "Kent" a boilermaker, fell into the hold and was killed.

Tilden and the other American lawn tennis cracks are unable to visit Malaya, after the Davis Cup games in Australia as was hoped.

The ashes of "Highland Mary" were reinterred in Greenock cemetery. The remains were removed from their original resting place to make way for a shipyard extension by Harland and Wolff. There was a large attendance of Burns' admirers from all over Scotland.

Amongst the passengers who returned to the Colony by the "Empress of Japan" last evening were Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Dr. H. McKenny, and Messrs. R. A. C. North, J. W. Franks and F. Sutton, of the Hongkong Civil Service. Mr. Wakeman was accompanied by Mrs. Wakeman.

Passengers who arrived here by the s.s. "Iyo Maru" included Dr. Wilbert Hallam, Mrs. Neville Rolfe and Miss E. O. Grant (Secretary), members of the Eastern Commission of the British National Council for Combatting Venereal Disease, who have been actively engaged in a campaign in Shanghai.

According to the *Canton Times*, Major Louis Cassel, the chief promoter of the proposed Kwangtung Collieries, who is interested in the development of the mining resources of Kwangtung is now in Canton. He paid a visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Military Government last Tuesday.

We are forbidden by police order to make any mention of the proceedings of one of the many international conferences being held in a distant country, says the *Japan Chronicle*. What possible good can be done by keeping Japan in ignorance of what all the rest of the world knows, and what Japan must also know within a few days, is more than we can imagine.

It is reported by the "*Taisho Nichi Nichi*" that the Pacific Mail Company is about to apply to the Japanese Government for permission for the conveyance of Japanese emigrants to America by its own new passenger steamers of some 14,000 tons each, the first of which the Golden State is expected to arrive in Japan in March next. The new ships, of which there are to be five, are calculated to accommodate twice as many passengers as the T. K. K. strs. "Shinyo Maru" and "Tenyo Maru." The Toyo Kisen Kaisha looks forward to severe competition in the emigrant traffic.

A correspondent writes to the *N.C.D. News*:—Epigrams, new and original, in bold white lettering on a black ground made their appearance in the local trams yesterday. The boldest warns "Always Wait till the Car Stops" and "Never Board or Alight from a Moving Tram." Having read these one wonders how to manage "When Alighting Grasp Handrail with Right Hand and Put Left Foot down First." In these days of crowded trams, if each passenger when alighting *after the tram has stopped* were to delay while disengaging his right hand so as to grasp the rail, and then rack his brain to recall which is his left foot and be sure to put it down first it is safe to predict there would be a considerable congestion of trams and things in the vicinity of the Palace Hotel.

In the course of a long review on "Modern Road Construction and Maintenance," by Mr H. E. Goldsmith, executive engineer of the Public Works Department of Hongkong, the *Surveyor* says:—"Mr. Goldsmith appears to be not only a thoroughly practical roadmaker but also to have the scientific mind which is necessary now-a-days to secure proper road construction; at the same time he seems gifted with a power to place on paper the results of his labours which is, unfortunately, not possessed by many engineers. The book has been carefully written, and, is, therefore, pleasant to read and easily understood. It is a book that should be in the hands of everyone interested in the present important question of the construction of roads under the altered condition of traffic."

TAIKOO CLUB BALL.

ANNUAL FUNCTION REVIVED.

AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

The annual Ball of the Taikoo Club, a function which had been allowed to lapse during the war, was held last night for the first time since 1913, and was a most enjoyable occasion. The committee in charge of the arrangements had made every provision for the comfort and entertainment of the guests; the Club was charmingly decorated; the weather was ideal; the music was just right—and everybody was glad to see everybody else, and to realize that the big annual Ball, so long abandoned, had been revived. As a consequence, a spirit of great geniality prevailed—enough in itself to assure the success of the function.

The Club building looked very pretty, both outside and in. From a distance, the picture of the setting, with many coloured lights and cheery windows gleaming from the hillside, was daintily beautiful. Nearer, the building proved to be decorated with a tasteful arrangement of flags, foliage, and tinted globes. Above the entrance were the initials of the Club, displayed in electric lights, and surmounted by the Union Jack and the house flag of Butterfield & Swire. Inside the building, the scene was one of brilliance. The walls were covered with gay flags and steamers, interlaced with ivy. Around the walls of the ball room went lines of foliage, picked out here and there with wreaths studded with coloured lights. Overhead were festoons of blue, yellow, green, and red lights. In some of the dances, when the white lights were turned off, these coloured lights shed a softly tinted radiance over the scene, with a most pleasing effect. The billiard room had been converted into supper room, bar, and card rooms. There were places for the guests to sit out their dances if they chose to do so, but such was the charm of the dancing that few took advantage of the opportunity. Supper was served by Messrs Wiseman, Ltd.

Among the guests were the Officers, U.S.S. Wilmington, Mr. G. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Hickling, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Neave, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Morrison, Mr. Gardiner, Mr. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. R. Hall, Capt. and Mrs. Innes, Capt. Martin, R.N., Capt. McKinnon, and Mrs. and the Misses Woods.

Dancing began at 9 o'clock and continued until 2 a.m., the police restrictions regarding motoring having being suspended for the occasion. The programme was opened by the official set of Lancers, the participants being Mr. Greig and Miss Edkins, Mr. Templeton and Mrs. Greig, Mr. Edkins and Mrs. Grimshaw, and Mr. J. Grimshaw and Mrs Templeton.

The programme of dances was as follows:

Extra Waltz ....Wyoming.
1—Lancers..................Country Girl.
2—Fox Trot ....Whispering.
3—One Step ....Catro.
4—Eightsome Reel,
De'il amang the Tailors.
5—Waltz ....On Miani Shore.
6—One Step ....Swanee.
7—Barn Dance ...Happy go Lucky.
8—Fox Trot ......So Long, O Long.
9—Caledonians......Highland Home.
10—One Step ....Bo-la Bo.
11—Waltz ......That [illegible]ghty Waltz.
12—Quadrilles ....[illegible]Newest Out.
13—Fox Trot ....The love Nest.
14—One Step ...Down on the Farm.
15—Lancers......The Girl from Kays.
16—Fox Trot ....Venetian Moon.
17—Highland Scottische
Braes O Mare.
18—Waltz ....Kisses.
19—Fox Trot ....Dardanella.
20—Eightsome Reel,
De'il amang the Tailors.
21—One Step ....San Dunes.
22—Waltz...........................Loyalty.
Extras 1—One Step ....Marie.
2—Fox Trot
Tell me little Gipsy.
3—Waltz
Caro[illegible]nshine.

The music was prov[illegible] Professor Gonzales' Orchestra[illegible]pt for the Scotch dances, wh[illegible] were "piped" by Mr R. G. McEwen.

The following was the menu of the supper:—

Turtle Cup
Pickled Fish
Roast Beef Corned Beef
Roast Turkey and Ham
Roast Pheasant
Game Pie
Asparagus, Mayonnaise Sauce
Salads — Potatoes
Fruit Compote and Cream
Peach Melba Orange Jelly
Ice Cream
Dessert Coffee

The Committees which had the arrangements in charge and were responsible for the success of the evening were:

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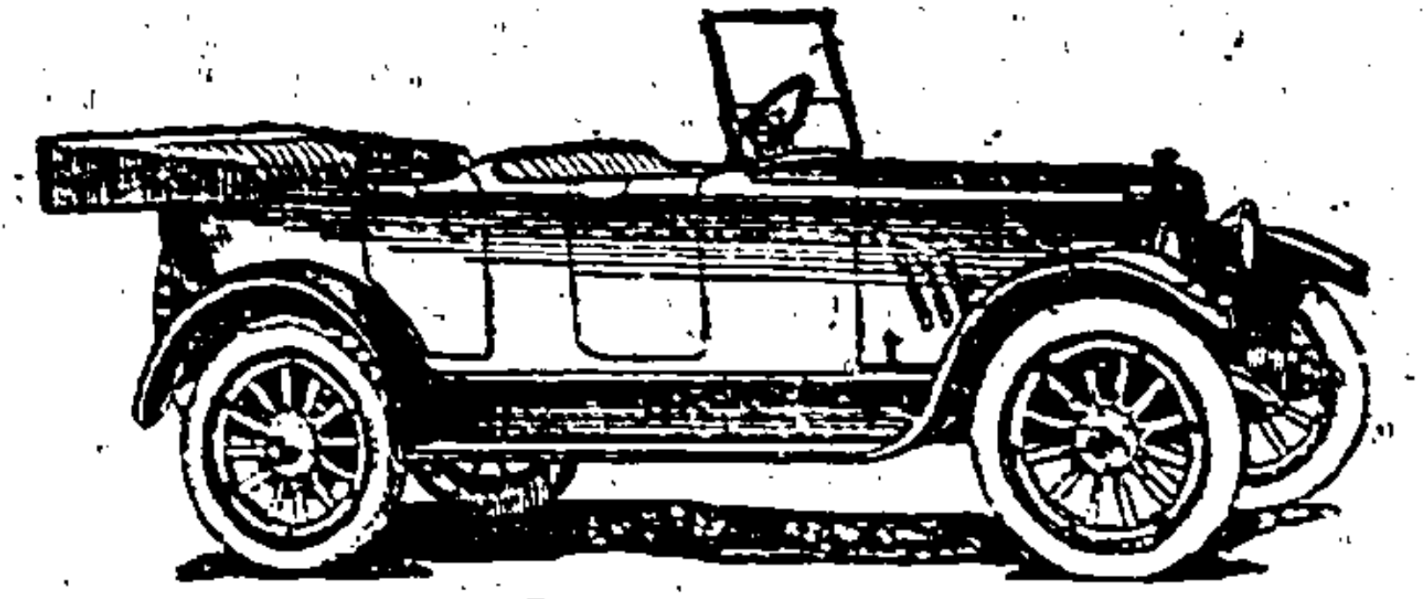

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

My dear Children,

First of all I want to wish every one of you a very happy New Year! And then I want to tell you how delighted I was with all the letters that I received from you asking for Peter Pan's little Xmas present. So many letters came pouring in that I thought they were never going to stop coming and the more I had the better pleased I was!

I want to thank those too who sent me such pretty Xmas cards and all of you for your good wishes. There was even one letter from Canton and it was nice to hear how much everyone liked the stories. Cissy Hast told me that she liked "The Black Currant Pudding" best of all so we must have another true story again before long.

Aileen Hynes, Christina Perpetuo Richard Lowe, who are only five years old, must have spent a long time over their carefully written letters and I was glad to hear from Mr Read so that I could send a parcel to his little boy Gordon, who is only four.

Dicky Andersen's letters are always so well written that it is a pleasure to see them. I hope that Jean Dalziel enjoyed the dance. Lilian Nichol may like to know that Santa Claus was very kind to me (as she hoped he would be) and brought me heaps of nice things.

I must not stop to talk about any more letters or the Editor may say that I am taking up too much room!

I hope you all had a very jolly Xmas and will have the happiest of New Years.

Your loving
PETER PAN.

HOW TOMMY MET THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW ONE.

When Tommy was getting ready for bed on the night of the 31st, his mother came into the room with one of her prettiest frocks on and lots of sparkly rings and bracelets so he knew that there was going to be a party.

"Are you going to have a party here Mother?" he asked.

"Yes Tommy," she answered. "Lots of people are coming to let in the New Year."

And then she told him how on New Year's Eve, when twelve o'clock struck, every one wished each other a happy New Year and at home, in England, all the church bells rang a merry peal.

"I do wish I could stay up and see the New Year in, Mother," Tommy begged. His mother kissed him and told him that he must wait till he was a bit bigger and then went downstairs again when she had tucked up her little boy in bed.

Tommy soon went to sleep but woke up again with the feeling that there was someone in the room.

It was a bright moonlight night. He sat up in bed and rubbed his eyes and there, sitting on a chair by the side of his bed, was an old old man in a long black cloak, writing busily in a book.

He seemed very tired and every now and then stopped writing and leant back in his chair for a few minutes.

"Who is it I wonder?" thought Tommy and when the old man was having one of his long rests he asked, "Would you mind telling me please what you are writing in that big book?"

"Certainly," replied the old man, "I am just finishing all your doings of the old year so that when the New Year comes along he will know what to expect from you."

"But is'nt it rather difficult to remember?" asked Tommy.

"Oh no," answered the old man, "Nearly every day I have written down what you have done, only the last week with so many books to finish I have got a little behindhand, but now they are all done."

As he spoke he turned over the pages of the book and Tommy saw that on some of them there was nothing at all, whilst others had some nasty black smudges on them.

"I daresay you do not remember all these things," went on the old man, showing him the book. "One or two pages are blank because there was nothing worth putting down and there are some black marks on others where you fell into the pond when you had been to'd not to go near the water and two or three where you said "I won't" when your mother told you to do something or other.

"However it is not so bad on the whole," he added, smiling at Tommy. "Here is your new book," he said, taking one out of his pocket, "And it looks as if you were going to have a good year."

Tommy saw that on the cover were a number of stars and on them was written in shining letters, "Jolly Times," "Fun," "Happy Days."

He had no time to read any more as the old man put the book back in his pocket, saying, "Now I must go and I hope to have a good rest after a hard year's work. If you like you shall come with me and let in the New Year."

"Oh thank you," cried Tommy and he jumped out of bed, took the old man's hand and together they went downstairs. They could hear a great many people talking in the drawing room but did not meet anyone until they came to the front door which was closed.

At that moment a clock struck twelve, the old man cried, "Farewell and good luck to everyone!" and vanished!

The door burst open and there stood a laughing little boy who called out, "I've come. The New Year is here. Is'nt anybody going to ask me to come in?"

"Yes, yes, I am," cried Tommy and he caught hold of the New Year and pulled him inside.

"Oh it's you Tommy, is it? said the New Year." I have heard what a jolly little boy you are and we will have lots of fun and good times together."

Just then the drawing room door opened and Tommy heard his mother and father and everyone wishing each other a happy New Year. He did not stop to hear any more but scuttled back to bed and was soon fast asleep again, dreaming of happy days to come.

PETER PAN.

When the nursery clock strikes
twelve
In the quiet night,
1920 creeps away
And, when it is light,
Children all wake up and say
"Why it's surely New Year's Day!"
1920 could not stay,
1920 went away,
Welcome 1921!
Now the New Year has begun
Let us just have lots of fun,
Make each day a happy one.

Do you know what this is?

The opposite of old and twelve months.

And the answer is:—"New Year."

YAUMATI TRAGEDY.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

ALLEGED ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY.

In connection with the Yaumati shooting affray in which Lance-Sergeant Gardiner lost his life, Inspector Caygill this morning formally charged two Chinese (before Magistrate Orme) with having been concerned with others not in custody, in an attempted armed robbery at No. 315, Reclamation Street, Yaumati, on the night of December 27. The Inspector asked for a week's remand which was granted.

The Police have arrested one man in connection with the armed robbery on the first floor of No. 25, Water Street, West Point, on December 27, in which five men broke into the premises and after binding and gagging the inmates, ransacked the floor, stealing clothing and jewellery to the value of $60 odd.

The West Point police are hopeful about effecting further arrests.

The difficulty in obtaining passages to Europe, and the greatly increased cost of the journey, are dealt with in the editorial of the latest issue of *Shipping and Engineering*. It is pointed out that the custom of having one's name on the waiting list of more than one shipping company does little to ease the situation, causing, as is does, a great deal of avoidable overlapping and making it a practical impossibility to form an accurate estimate of the number of persons requiring passages. As regards the high cost of the journey, it is suggested that the average person going on leave to Europe is chiefly concerned in getting there, and would be quited content with good, healthy food and clean, comfortable accommodation, in lieu of the present elaborate arrangements on most passenger vessels, if the cost of the passage could thereby be reduced so as not to affect seriously the pleasure of the voyage. There is the usual number of articles, shipping and engineering notes and general commercial information in the issue. Among the articles are "The Economic Use of Fuel," "Speed Trials," "Fuel Heating for Land-Power Stations," "The History of Charts," etc.

OUR FANLING LINKS.

COMPARISON WITH SHANGHAI.

VISITOR'S INTERESTING IMPRESSIONS.

A visitor to Hongkong from Shanghai, an ardent golfer, this week had the expressed pleasure of playing upon our Fanling links. We were curious to know his impression of the course compared with that of Shanghai, and were pleased to learn that the glory and high-standing of our Royal links and club house were a bye-word in Shanghai, even to those who knew them by reputation only.

The Shanghai Golf Club is very overcrowded, and waiting members now have to wait many months before the opportunity is afforded of becoming full members. Intending players on Saturday afternoons and Sundays may have to wait two or three hours before teeing off. In the case of such a temperamental game as golf this long wait materially affects the play, especially in bitterly cold weather.

Attempts have been made for a very long time to obtain an 18-hole course additional to the links at Kiangwan, and possibly an announcement will be made before the end of the year that everything has been settled in this respect. In the meantime the Shanghai Race Club have taken over a great block of shares in the International Recreation Club, who control the Kiangwan Racecourse upon which the Kiangwan golf links are laid, and as a great majority of the members of the Shanghai Race Club are all-round sportsmen and keen golfers there is no doubt that the tenancy of the Kiangwan links by the Shanghai Golf Club is now upon a more secure basis than has been the case until recently.

Hongkong is fortunate in having good roads and a railway, enabling Fanling to be reached in comfort. Shanghai is not so fortunate, and the acquisition of a golf course there is a very serious proposition. The Chinese authorities around Shanghai are hardly to be compared with the sympathetic authorities controlling the New Territories, who have made the golfers' paradise at Fanling possible. How Shanghai golfers would revel in the luxury of a shower bath after a hard game in the sun and a light to shake dice by in the evening! The advantages Shanghai possesses over Fanling are the superior putting greens and better caddieship. It is probable these are only temporary advantages.

Our friend made a suggestion in regard to interport golf that we think worthy of comment. He suggested that, within well-defined limits, a resident member of any acceptable distant foreign golf club should be armed with a card or passport of membership, signed by his secretary, stating that his membership fee had been paid for the ensuing year, which should entitle him to visiting membership to any other recognised golf club for a period of three months upon presentation of such card to the local secretary and to the steward in charge of the club house. This visiting membership would not apply on Saturdays, Sundays, and general holidays.

A visitor may have usually considerable difficulty in finding some member willing to be responsible for his introduction to a strange club, and as cash is not accepted in payment of caddies, green fees, and refreshments, visitors feel considerable diffidence in accepting too much hospitality from their friends. Under the terms suggested a visitor could pay cash for all obligations incurred by him, and notify same in the visitors' book, which he would sign each time he used the links. Any abuse could be reported to the secretary of the club to which the visitor belonged.

If a man is accepted as a member of the leading golf club of Shanghai or Singapore, it should be a sufficient qualification to be permitted to play at Fanling when there is no great demand for the links. And Hongkong players would appreciate the same freedom of access to the links at Shanghai and Singapore when passing through those towns. We do not suggest that every club should be included in this scheme, but only those that are acceptable to each other. We certainly think the scheme worthy of consideration by the important golf clubs of the Far East, and it is up to some club to take the initiative. Why should not the Hongkong club start negotiations?

Quite a flutter has been caused in Bangkok by a criticism which followed the production of a comic opera by local amateurs. A work entitled Neptune's Bride was assiduously rehearsed and produced on a lavish scale. Two of the Bangkok papers thought the production excellent; in the other a critic signing himself G. U. Y. was not so complimentary, and said things which appear to have been greatly resented. A writer in one of the other papers thereupon referred to the critic as "a cad and a liar," to which the critic retorted that the writer was "a dirty little fellow." Bangkok newspaper readers can certainly not complain that their journals are not interesting.

PASSPORT CASE.

CHINESE GETS MONEY BACK.

SUMMARY COURT SUIT.

Tam Shing wanted to go to the United States, but could not get a passport. So he entered upon an arrangement with the Wing Hing Shipping Company, 11 Victoria Street. He paid it $200. It was to get him the necessary document within three months.

This morning, in the Summary Court, before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Wood, Tam Shing sued to get his money back. The suit was against the Wing Hing Shipping Company, Li Chung Mew, and the Li Cheung Tai firms, the last two being the guarantors of the agreement. The latter was produced, dated August 14.

Judgment was given in favour of Tam Shing against the first and third defendants.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

PLEASE KEEP THIS DATE—SATURDAY, JANUARY 22nd. Madame LOTTIE GORDON'S CONCERT in aid of the Blind Children's Home, Kowloon, and the Pokfulum Home, at the Theatre Royal.

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Hongkong, December 31, 1920.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDANT.
Hongkong,
Friday, 31st Dec. 1920.

1. **Parades.**

Parades for Infantry and Machine Gunners will be resumed on Monday, 3rd January, 1921, at 5.30 p.m.

2. **Musketry.**

Artillery Company will fire Part 1. Annual Musketry Course on Saturday, 8th January at 2.30 p.m. and Sunday, 9th January, 1921, at 9.30 a.m., at King's Park Range, Kowloon. Dress: Drill Order with helmets.

Orders for Mounted Infantry Section.

3. **Parades.**

Wednesday, 5th January, 1921, 5.00 p.m. Parade at Polo Ground, Causeway Bay.

Dress: Drill Order.

Orders for Cadet Company by Lieut. A. J. M. Weyman.

4. **Parade.**

The Company will parade at headquarters on Tuesday, 11th, January, 1921, at 5.30 p.m.

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MILITARY AND THE PRESS.

LONDON, December 29th.

Some feeling has been aroused among Pressmen over the stiff Court Martial sentences imposed upon the Editor and Directors of *The Freeman's Journal* in view of the comparative veniality of the offences. It is pointed out that those sentenced are well-known Moderates. The *Freeman's Journal* has never been a Sinn Fein organ. It is suggested that the Military in Ireland are defying the Government's policy of leniency.

The destruction of *The Cork Examiner* machinery is attributed to Sinn Fein extremists, who disapproved of *The Examiner's* strong support of the Bishop of Cork's recent Pastoral against violence.

IRISH EXTREMIST.

LONDON, December 28th.

The notorious Irish extremist, Countess Markiewitz, has been sentenced to two years' hard labour for criminal conspiracy. She took a leading part in the rebellion in Dublin at Easter, 1916, and was sentenced to death, but was released when a general amnesty was proclaimed.

The conspiracy for which the Countess Markievicz was sentenced was the promotion of an organisation called *Fianna Eireann*, otherwise Boy Scouts. The prosecution produced documents showing that the purpose of this was to train boys to become Irish Volunteers. It also glorified the murder of the Police and Military.

THE SINN FEIN FIRES IN LIVERPOOL.

LONDON, December 29th.

The question of the Insurance Companies' responsibility for the incendiary fires in Liverpool on November 28th has been temporarily solved by the Companies meeting the claims pending a legal decision as regards the liability of the community for outbreaks due to civil commotion and riot. The Companies will re-claim from the City Corporation if the latter is held to be responsible.

The estimated damage to merchandise, exclusive of buildings, is £350,000.

ARMS PROCLAMATION.

LONDON, December 29th.

Enquiries in official quarters in Dublin show that there has been no big surrender of arms in response to the Proclamation which specified yesterday as the last day after which the retention of arms in the area under Martial Law would be punishable by death.

Judging, however, from happenings in Dublin, which is not within the area, it is believed that the arms are being got rid of. All kinds of weapons and ammunition have been picked up in Dublin back streets and on waste ground during the past month—mostly revolvers, many of which had been hammered to make them useless. There were also queer weapons like spear-heads and daggers. One of the chief dumping spots has been the River Liffey, where revolvers and cartridges have frequently been found at low tide. Illicit possessions are also being deposited at the residences of known Loyalists, inside the letter-boxes.

JAPAN'S NAVY.

LONDON, December 29th.

The Japanese Ambassador, Baron Hayashi, in an interview, declared that Japan must have, for strategic purposes, eight big battleships and eight big battle-cruisers. This programme will take several years to carry out, and even when it is completed the strength of the Japanese Navy will be less than half that of America. Japan, he added, would welcome any proposal to reduce expenditure on armaments and gladly co-operate in this direction with the other great Powers.

JAPAN AND AMERICA.

LONDON, December 29th.

Reuter learns that in the negotiations between Japan and America the former is asking for equal treatment of Japanese with other aliens in the United States and is prepared to guarantee that no more Japanese shall be sent to America upon receiving assurances of equal treatment to those Japanese who are already in the United States.

It is stated that California is considering countering this request by forbidding all aliens to hold land, thus placing them on the same footing as the Japanese, who are already prohibited. If such a plan is contemplated it forms no part of the negotiations with Japan. The negotiations have not reached a definite stage.

The Times' New York correspondent reports that, according to Julius Kahn, one of the Californian members of the House of Representatives, the negotiations between Japan and the United States with regard to the Californian decision to forbid Japanese ownership of land are on the eve of settlement on the basis of a proposal that the Californian Legislature pass a Land law forbidding all alien ownership of land for any purpose. In return for this concession Japan, according to Mr. Kahn, will prohibit emigration to the United States. Mr. Kahn declares that his version of the situation is authoritative.

ANGLO-JAPANESE TREATY.

LONDON, December 29th.

The Times correspondent reports that the *Toronto Globe* opposes the renewal of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, declaring that neither Power requires such an alliance for defensive purposes, pointing out the increasing friction between the United States and Japan over the status of Japanese settlers on the Pacific Coast, in which Great Britain and the Dominions are not concerned; and declaring that Canada and Australia are more likely to side with the United States than with Japan should a choice be necessary. *The Globe* adds that Canada, Treaty or no Treaty, will feel no obligation to help Japan against the United States. The statesmen of the British Empire safeguarding Britain's interests in the Far East doubtless understand that Canada can be no party to any international agreement involving such a great risk.

AMERICANS AND POLAND.

LONDON, December 30th.

The American Senator McCormick has arrived at Warsaw with the object of arranging for the granting of large American credits to Poland, which can be used for the reconstruction of Polish industries and for assisting Polish farmers to increase agricultural production.

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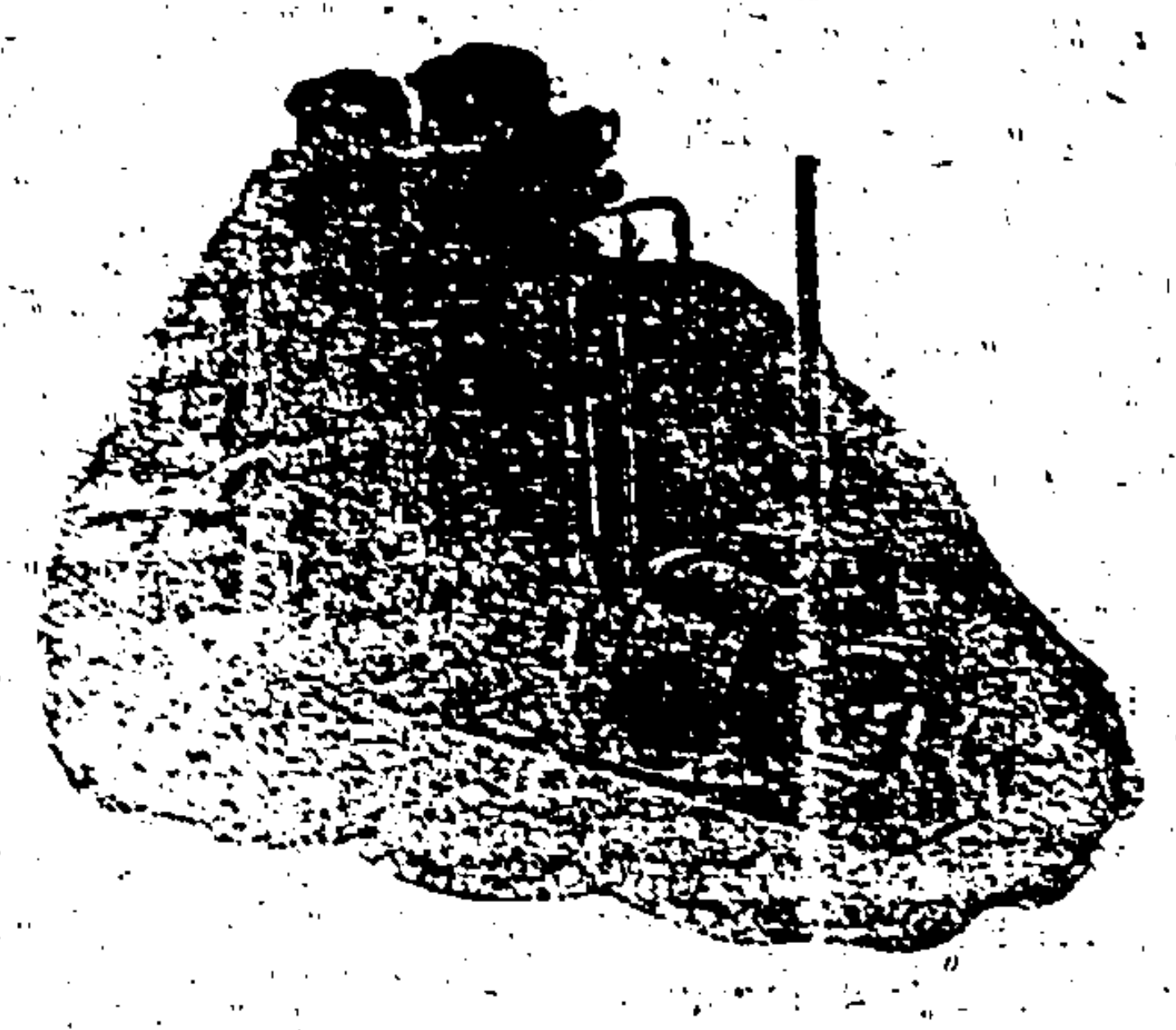

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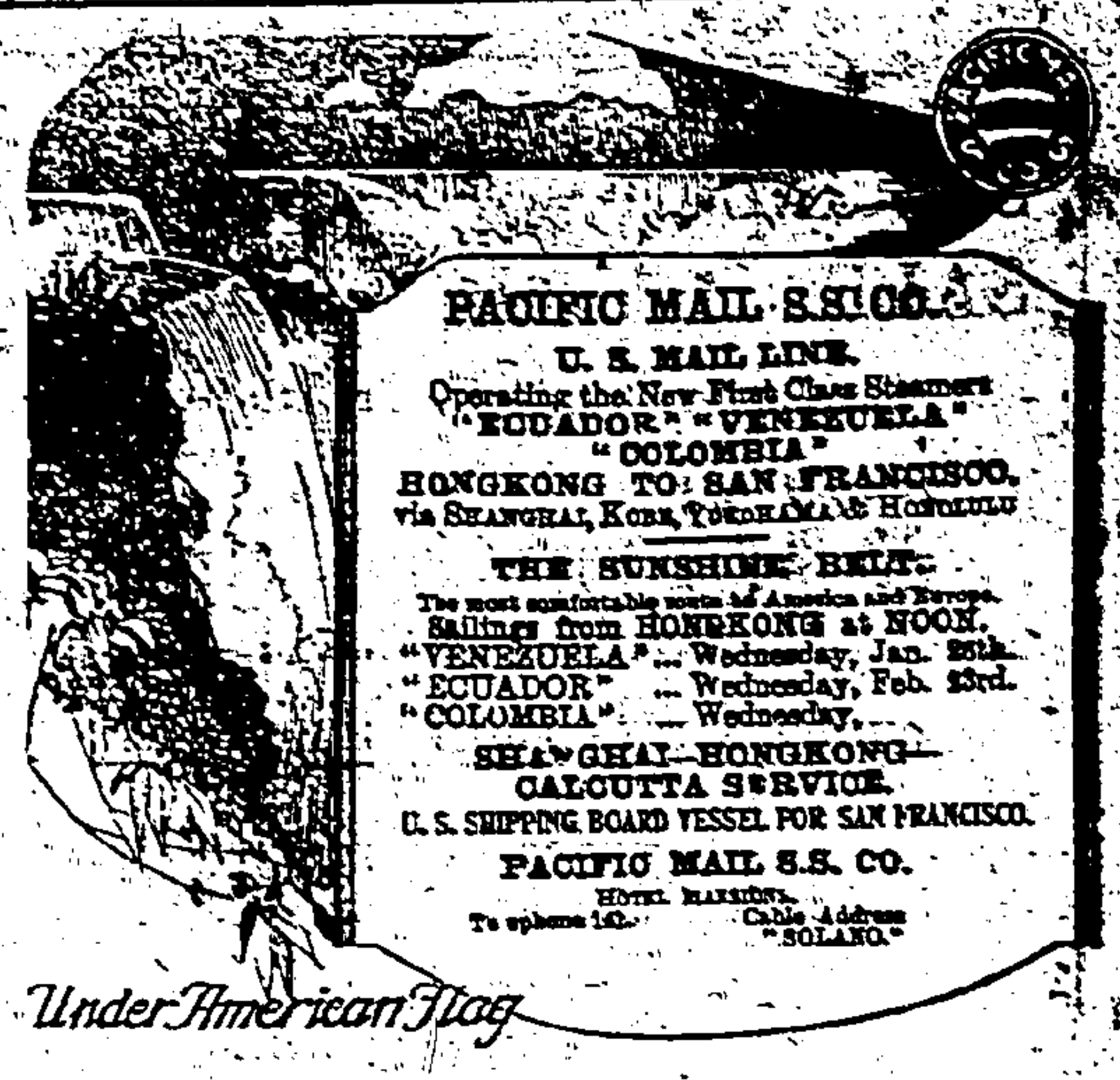

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HONGKONG IN 1920.

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14.—Death of Mr. F. H. Thomas of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Death of Mr. T. Blair of the s.s. "Laisang." Fall of Bastille celebrated by local French community. Death of Mr. J. Brothwick of the Hongkong and China Gas Co.

15.—Social gathering at St. Paul's College.

17.—Cantonese gunboat recontre with Portuguese near Macao. K.C.C. Concert.

19.—At the Criminal Sessions, Mr. W. J. Williams of the Dockyard acquitted of manslaughter charge.

20.—Discussion of cattle disease at Sanitary Board meeting. Stokes-Scriven wedding.

22.—Warrant Officer Holmes accidentally drowned in dockyard camber.

23.—First V.R.C. night swimming fete.

24.—Alice Memorial Hospital Finance Committee meeting.

26.—Steam Laundry Co., Ltd., annual meeting. United Asbestos Co., meeting.

27.—Death of Mr. A. K. Brand.

28.—Death of M. de Journel, local manager of Banque Industrielle de Chine. Chinese charged at the Magistracy with theft of $80,000, the property of the Macao Government. Extradition order granted.

AUGUST.

1.—Notable Chinese wedding at City Hall. Mr. Liang Shih-yi, son of former Minister of Finance of China, marries Miss Cheng.

4.—Death of Q. M. Sergt. A. H. Woods, R. E.

5.—Death of Mrs Elizabeth Walker, wife of Capt. Walker of the Douglas s.s. Co. Big fire at Yaumati. Chinese constable shot in armed robbery at Yaumati.

7.—V.R.C. annual meeting.

9.—Big fire at No. 119, Bonham Strand. Senhor de Bourgg, Consul for Mexico, wife and daughter, and Senhor Gonzalves, Consul for Chile injured in motor accident near Aberdeen.

10.—Wedding of Mr. C. R. Jonssen and Miss N. W. Tregillus at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

12.—Collision in harbour between Yaumati ferry and Kowloon Dock launch. Wedding of Mlle. Yvonne Lecable to M. Raoul Rodenfuser. Death of Mr. A. E. L. de Sousa, second son of ex-Consul for Portugal, and well known local jockey.

14.—"Black Cats" show at K.C.C.

16.—Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd. meeting.

17.—V.R.C. aquatic fete.

20.—Police capture Chinese shroff of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on a charge of embezzlement of $22,000. Departure of Police Sub-Inspector James Hedge on retirement.

22.—Swimming gala of Kowloon Docks staff.

23.—Dairy Farm announces price of milk to increase from Sept. 1. Death at Home of Mrs. H.E.R. Hancock, mother of well known local Interport cricketer.

25.—Wedding of Mr. Robert Taylor and Miss Agnes White at Union Church.

28.—Petition filed in the Supreme Court to wind up the business of Messrs. Hastings, Hodge and Co., Ltd.

30.—Wedding of Mr. R. W. McIntyre and Miss Irene Chope.

31.—V.R.C. Swimming Fete.

SEPTEMBER.

2.—Chinese shroff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank committed for trial on charge of embezzlement of $22,000.

3.—Leung Tai found guilty at the Criminal Sessions of murder, but discharged by the Full Court of Appeal. Engagement announced of Hon. Mr Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, and Miss M. A. Bullock. Death of Mr A. F. el Arculli, well known and popular member of Indian community, and successful business man. Big opium seizure on Japanese motor schooner "Shenan Maru."

5.—Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd. extraordinary meeting.

6.—Mail fire on board s.s. "Fushimi Maru," in harbour.

7.—Wedding of Mr. James Stewart and Miss Mary McCubbin at Union Church.

10.—Japanese Vice Admiral Furnagoshi arrives on H.I.J.M.S. "Asama."

11.—Magistrate R. O. Hutchison accidentally drowned at Deep Bay while on a shooting trip.

12.—Death of Warder Dempsey of Victoria Jail.

15.—V.R.C. night fete. Interport Bowlers leave for Shanghai by s.s. "Suiyan."

16.—Death in England of Mrs. C. McI. Messrr, wife of Colonial Treasurer. Concert aboard H.M.S. "Tamar."

17.—Arrival of Japanese cruisers "Tone" and "Nissin." Wedding of Mr. M.E.F. Airey and Miss C. F. Chauncey at St. John's Cathedral.

19.—Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., acquitted on charge of adulterating milk.

20.—Boy Scouts rally at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

21.—Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., meeting. Canton Insurance Office Ltd., extraordinary general meeting. Big fire in Kowloon City. Boy reported missing. Chinese shroff of Hongkong and Shanghai Bank sentenced to 7 years' hard labour on charge of embezzlement of $22,000. Death of Sergt. Witt of the Wiltshire Regiment.

23.—Indian constable shot on Aberdeen Gap Road by robbers.

24.—University Medical Society, first annual general meeting. Wiltshire Regiment aquatic sports.

25.—Mr Fred Ellis, local broker and member of the Stock Exchange reports fraud of $41,500, by Chinese client. Douglas S. S. Co., meeting. Wedding of M. L. Volny Dupuy and Mlle. Antonia Chouquet at St. Joseph's Church.

27.—Big fire at West Point.

28.—Hongkong Football Club annual meeting.

29.—Kowloon Cricket Club annual general meeting.

30.—Chinese passenger from Canton, loses draft for $60,000. Memorial Service for late Mr. R. O. Hutchison at St. John's Cathedral. V. R. C. annual aquatic sports meeting opens. Seaman Kwong Sing of the Revenue Department launch "R.D.I." receives Bellilios Life Saving Medal, for gallant attempts at saving lives during typhoon.

OCTOBER.

2.—17-foot long Python shot at Aberdeen by Police Inspector Davis.

4.—Foundation stone of new wing of the Tung Wah Hospital laid by H.E. the Governor. Kowloon Residents' Association general meeting.

5.—Hongkong Cricket Club annual meeting. Celebration in local Portuguese Clubs, of the 10th anniversary of the Republic. United Services Football League annual meeting.

6.—Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., general meeting. Wedding of Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Acting Captain Superintendent of Police, and Mrs. Laura Gertrude Macfarlane at St. John's Cathedral. Reception at Government House. Corinthian Yacht Club annual meeting. Civil Service Cricket Club annual meeting. Annual Harbour Swim. J. R. Johnstone wins men's event and Miss Ruby Young scores a popular win in the ladies' race.

7.—Canton Insurance Office Ltd., meeting.

8.—Meeting of Rugby Section of the H.K.F.C. Craigengower Cricket Club annual meeting.

9.—Fourth Gymkhana meeting at racecourse.

10.—Police raid No. 21, First Street, West Point, and capture gang of armed robbers.

12.—Charles Young commended by Magistrate Smith at the Magistracy for brave rescue of Chinese woman from the harbour at night. Seaman Sheppard of H.M.S. "Carlisle" injured in serious motor cycle accident near Stanley. Hongkong Cricket League meeting.

13.—Hongkong Rifle Association meeting.

14.—St. Andrew's Society annual meeting. Royal Hongkong Yacht Club annual meeting. Queen's College annual aquatic sports at V.R.C.

15.—Arrival of Rear Admiral Casey Morgan, U.S.N., on U.S.S. "Hart."

16.—Lawn Bowls League prize distribution at K.C.C.

17.—Catholic celebration of Canonization of Blessed Margaret Mary of Alacoque.

18.—H.M.S. "Sandpiper" sold for $13,000. Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association meeting. Wedding of Mr. H. T. Mousley of Canton and Miss Edith May Hunt at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

19.—Explosion in factory at Kennedy Town results in death of Chinese fitter, and serious injury to Mr. Tiren of the Far Eastern Oxygen and Acetylene Co., Ltd., and two other Chinese fitters.

20.—Chan Wah Hi sentenced at Criminal Sessions to death for murder of small boy in Catchick Street, Kennedy Town, during armed robbery with others.

23.—K. C. C. Tennis "at Home." Taikoo Bowling Club "at Home."

24.—Hongkong Police Rifle Club shoot at King's Club Range.

25.—Police sent on post duty at Samchun border owing to disorders in Chinese territory. Fire on s.s. "Hocklee" at Samshuipo. Wedding of Mr A. J. W. Rosser and Miss Jeanette Williams at St. John's Cathedral.

26.—United Services Football League meeting.

27.—Wedding of Surgeon Lieut.-Commdr. H.M. Fitzroy Williams, R N., and Miss Doris Blanche Grimble at St. John's Cathedral. Eclipse of the moon visible in Hongkong.

28.—Water buffalo runs wild in West Point and tramples child to death. Budget introduced at meeting of the Legislative Council.

29.—Baron Keishie Matsui, former Japanese Ambassador to France, and Baroness Matsui and children passed through the Colony on the s.s. "Kamo Maru" on their way back to Yokohama. The local Japanese community accords them an enthusiastic welcome. Education Board meeting. Mr. Kirby, Assistant Secretary of one of the Marine Engineers' Guild arrives in the Colony by the s.s. "Shantung." Inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club. Mr B. Tanner, P.R.G.S., Headmaster of Queen's College goes Home on leave.

30.—Police Inspector Davitt and Mrs. Davitt and family go to Australia [illegible] furlough. Last Interport Cricket trial match. "Probables" inflict crushing defeat on "Possibles." "Probables" team chosen to represent Hongkong in Interport Cricket.

31.—Motor cycle accident to Messrs A. P. Pereira and R. F. Luz of the E. E. Telegraph Co., on road between Castle Peak and Chinwan. Death of Mr. F. Herbert, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Fooshing."

NOVEMBER.

1.—Wedding of Miss Gwendoline Skudder, of Meepham, Kent to Mr. T. G. Stokes at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Death of Mr. N. G. Marques of Messrs. J. M. Alves and Co., an old and popular member of the Portuguese community. Mr. A. Dyer Ball, Assistant Crown Solicitor, admitted to practice in the Supreme Court.

2.—Meeting of the Hongkong Football Association arranges Charity Match. Faction fight between Kwangtung and Kwangsi men on the wharf results in Chinese constable being assaulted.

3.—Lance Sergeant Gough, of No. 7 Police Station, summoned for assault by Messrs C.H. Lyson and A.E. Hall local solicitors. The defendant tenders written apology. Rt. Rev. Charles Ridley-Duppuy, new Bishop of Victoria arrives by the s.s. "Somali." Pirates capture the Hongkong steam launch "Takhing" near Futaimun. The Malayan Interport Cricket team arrives by the s.s. "Somali." First practice match of the newly formed Ladies' Hockey Club.

4.—The Shanghai Interport Cricket Team arrives by the s.s. "Empress of Japan." Hongkong Boxing Association annual meeting.

5.—"At Home" at Helena May Institute to welcome new Bishop of Victoria. Rt. Rev. Charles Ridley Duppuy enthroned as new Bishop of Victoria at St. John's Cathedral. Licensing Board meeting. United Services Concert Party gives entertainment at City Hall in aid of the Italian Convent, West Point branch.

6.—The American Asiatic Squadron comprising U.S. Ships "Huron," "Hart and "New Orleans" arrives. T. E. Pearce makes a century in the Interport Cricket match Hongkong v. Shanghai. Local American community gives dinner in honour of Admiral Gleaves, U.S.N. Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League annual fete at Government House.

8.—Wedding of Miss Ethel Kate Foot of Devonport, and Mr. S. C. Northcott of the Naval Dockyard at St. John's Cathedral. Charity Football match South China v. the Rest attracts large crowd. Interport Cricket, Hongkong beats Shanghai by six wickets. Chinese youth murdered by another for the paltry sum of 20 cents. Supper party and dance at Kingsclere Hotel in honour of Admiral Gleaves, U.S.N.

9.—Governor entertains Interport Cricketers at dinner at Government House. Sanitary Board meeting discusses cholera prevention.

10.—Ward Room Officers' dance on board H.M.S. "Tamar." Death of Mr J.F.X. Batalha, ("John Kestrel") at St. Paul's Hospital. Death of Mr She Tat-tsoi, compradore of the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Interport Cricket, Malaya beats Hongkong by 35 runs. Dance on board H.M.S. "Tamar" in honour of Interport Cricketers. Dilwali festival celebrated by Indian community in Hongkong.

11.—Interport Tennis, H. B. Ollerdessen and W.S.A. Pott (Shanghai) beat M. K. Lo and V. Yvanovich (Hongkong) 3–6, 6–2, 6–4, 6–4.

11.—Armistice Day, impressive service at St. John's Cathedral.

12.—The s.s. "Soochow" launched at Taikoo Dockyard. Wedding of Mr John Smith McCann and Miss Vera Maud Frodsham Starkey, of Brighton, England, at St. Joseph's Church.

13.—Dance at Repulse Bay Hotel in honour of Interport Cricketers. Interport Cricket, Shanghai beats Malaya by an innings and 139 runs. Interport Tennis, M. W. Lo (H'kong) beats W.S.A. Pott (Shanghai) 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. The "Empress of Asia" brings first of seaplane mail between Seattle and Vancouver. Carnavarro and Tanaka, two Shanghai Interport Tennis players arrive by "Empress of Asia." Sir Maurice Fitzmaurice arrives by the "Empress of Asia" to study local harbour developments. Catholic Men's Club entertain men of the United States Fleet.

15.—Interport Cricket, Hongkong beats the Rest by 52 runs. Interport Tennis. Tanaka and Carnavarro (Shanghai) beat M. K. Lo and V. Yvanovich (Hongkong) 7–5, 6–1, 6–4. Interport Tennis, W.S.A. Pott and H.B. Ollerdessen (Shanghai) lose to Ng Sze Kwong and W. Lok Wei (Hongkong) 3–6, 6–4, 3–6, 6–0, 7–5. Members of V.R.C., at home to the men of the U.S. Fleet. Interesting aquatic competitions. Kowloon Parish welcomes Bishop Duppuy at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

16.—Interport Tennis, Ng Sze Kwong (Hongkong) beats W. S. A. Pott (Shanghai) 6–1, 6–2, 6–3. M. W. Lo (Hongkong) loses to Tanaka (Shanghai) 10–8, 0–6, 6–4, 6–4. Church of England Men's Society welcomes Bishop Duppuy at Seamen's Institute.

17.—Wedding of Miss Violet Geraldine Hopkins and Mr. Alan Grant Simpson at St. John's Cathedral. Wedding of Mr. John Stewart Mason of Moragshire, Scotland, to Miss Diana Edith Adelaide [illegible] of London, at St. John's Ca[illegible] Chinese hanged for murde[illegible] all boy in armed robbery in Catchick Street, Kennedy Town. Meeting of Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders re annual ball.

18.—Chinese bag snatcher sentenced to seven years' hard labour at Criminal Sessions. Legislative Council meeting.

19.—Wedding of Lieut. C.M. Bygate, 22nd Punjabis, and Miss Winifred Maud Hutchison at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. Chan Kam Hung sentenced to death at Criminal Sessions for taking part in armed robbery in Catchick Street resulting in the death of a small boy. Admiralty Yacht "Alacrity" arrives from the North with Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B., on board.

20.—Wedding of Lieut.-Comdr. G. H. Hayes, R.N., and Mrs. Ruby Westwood Forrester at St. John's Cathedral. Departure of the 74th Punjabis. Opening cruise of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club at North Point. Wedding of Mr. A. T. Hamilton of Queen's College and Miss Mary King Tyre at Union Church. Interport Tennis, Ng Sze Kwong and W. Lok Wei (Hongkong) beat Tanaka and Carnavarro (Shaghai) 6-8, 6-3, 8-6, 3-6, 6-2. Arrival of the United States Shipping Board steamers "Caddopeak" and "Lake Fanik" which were successfully re-floated after going ashore.

21.—R. L. D. Wodehouse beat W. D. Kraft by 68-67 in the final of the Golf Championship.

22.—Application for adjudication of Mr. Ellis A. Beaumont, trading as Beaumont & Co., bankrupt, granted by Mr. Justice Gompertz. Interport Tennis, Ng Sze Kwong (Hongkong) beats Tanaka (Shanghai) 7-9, 2-5, 6-1, 5-6, 7-5. Wedding of Mr. T. P. M. Bevan, M.C., and Miss Amy Florence Briscoe of Longstowe Hall, Cambridgeshire, at St. John's Cathedral.

23.—Wedding of Dr. E. S. Taylor, O.B.E., and Miss Evelyn Theresa Calvert of London, at St. John's Cathedral. Royal Hongkong Golf Club annual meeting. Capt. L. D'Oliveyra, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, Shanghai, passes through on way Home.

24.—Interport Tennis, H. H. Knowles and J.L. Elmore (Shanghai) beat V. Yvanovich and Wong Po Keung (Hongkong) 6–4, 6–4, 6–3.

25.—Thanksgiving Day celebration by American community in Hongkong. Formation of Hongkong branch of the Royal Artillery Association. Court Martial of Sepoy of the 22nd Punjabis on charge of attempted murder. Accused sentenced to three years' imprisonment and discharge from Service. Chinese tailors' *fokis* strike.

26.—Kowloon British School sports.

27.—Tailors' strike settled. Concert and dance at Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders. Big jewel robbery at Falconer's store. K.C.C. Bowling Section closes season with "at Home" and distribution of prizes. Fifth meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club at Happy Valley. Ceremonial opening of the China Specie Bank. Italian Convent annual bazaar.

28.—B.W. Bradbury wins Tennis Singles Championship of the Civil Service Club from E.C. Fincher, 8—6 6—4, 2—6, 4—6, 7—5. V. R. C. rowing and sailing races.

29.—Wedding of Mr. J. W. Deakin, Custodian of Government House, and Miss Sarah Ellen Hunwick of Yorkshire, at St. John's Cathedral. Hearing of suit of Yuen Hop Hong against Kam Cheong Hong for $95,095.84 on big sugar deal begins in Supreme Court. The s.s. "Whangpu" launched at Taikoo Dockyard for the China Navigation Company Ltd. Investiture at Government House.

30.—St. Andrew's Ball at City Hall.

DECEMBER.

1.—Sir Maurice and Lady Fitzmaurice depart. Opening of new Mamno Temple School in Hollywood Road. Big fire in Queen's Road Central. Cargo junk pirated in Tailong Bay.

2.—Public meeting in City Hall approves proposal to erect War Memorial Institute on Y.M.C.A. lines.

3.—Death of Capt. R. Morgan, former master of the s.s. "Kwongsi." Big Fire in West Point. Death of Mrs. Fletcher, wife of Mr. J. C. Fletcher of the Education Department. Wedding of Mr. W. E. Cook of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. and Miss I. A. Unite of Yokohama, at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

6.—Fire on board s.s. "Cheongshing" in harbour. Indian armed guard at Chartered Bank accidentally shoots himself. Funeral of Mr. Alexander Grant Gordon whose remains were brought to Hongkong from Bombay. Several coolies killed in collapse of house No. 114, Queen's Road East. Auction of Old Post Office Building fails to attract bids.

8.—Seaman William Crozier of H.M. Submarine "L 7," accidentally killed in Naval Yard.

9.—Legislative Council meeting.

10.—Mr. Hunter wins Billiards Championship of Institute of Engineers and Shipbuilders by defeating Mr. Frost in the final 250-203.

11.—Concert by St. Stephen's Girls' College in aid of Famine Relief Fund.

12.—37th annual "Al Fresco" fete of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Fire in West Point.

14.—Hongkong Art Club annual exhibition in City Hall.

15.—French cruisers "Desaix" and "Altair" arrive. Machinery and cable of the Hongkong Electric Co. damaged in matshed fire at North Point.

16.—Junk pirated in British Waters. Wedding of Mr. Edward Kenneth Seyer of Foochow and Miss Kathleen Abraham of Kowloon, at St. Andrew's Church. First meeting of the Hongkong Association of Medicine Dealers.

17.—Recruiting meeting of the Scottish Platoon of the H.K.V.D.C. H.E. Senhor Henrique Monteiro Correa da Silva, Governor of Macao, arrives in Hongkong by N.R.P. "Patria," accompanied by Senhora da Silva and A.D.C. Foundation stone of new Lusitano Club on Ice House Street laid by H.E. the Governor of Macao in the presence of Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs and a large gathering.

18.—H.E. the Governor of Macao and Senhora da Silva guests of Sir Reginald and Lady Stubbs at Government House. Portuguese community gives big luncheon at Hongkong Hotel in honour of H.E. the Governor of Macao. Brilliant garden fete and illumination at Club de Recreio, Kowloon, in honour of H.E. the Governor of Macao. Sale of Work at Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon. Chinese Artists' Bazaar, West Point.

19.—Slight earthquake shock felt in Hongkong. George Smedly, 1st class Petty Officer of H.M.S. "Tamar," injured in motor accident on Castle Peak Road. V.R.C. sailing races at Yautong. Farewell sermon by Rev. G. J. Williams at Union Church. Small girl burned to death in destructive fire at Saikong, New Territories. Big oil store ablaze in Salt Fish Lane, West Point.

20.—Queen's College Old Boys' Association meeting. Chinese residents give big farewell dinner to Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., retiring Chief Manager of the local branch of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank. Big opium seizure on junk in harbour. Death of Sergt. Timms, R.N.Y. Police.

21.—Hongkong Police annual ball. Farewell dinner to Mr. N. J. Stabb at Hongkong Club. Sanitary Board meeting. Hongkong Horticultural Society meeting.

22.—Concert and fancy dress dance of pupils of Kowloon British School. Chan Kan-hung executed for Catchick Street murder. Young Chinese couple attacked by highwaymen on Bowen Road in broad daylight. Motor accident at Happy Valley, Capt. Walker slightly injured.

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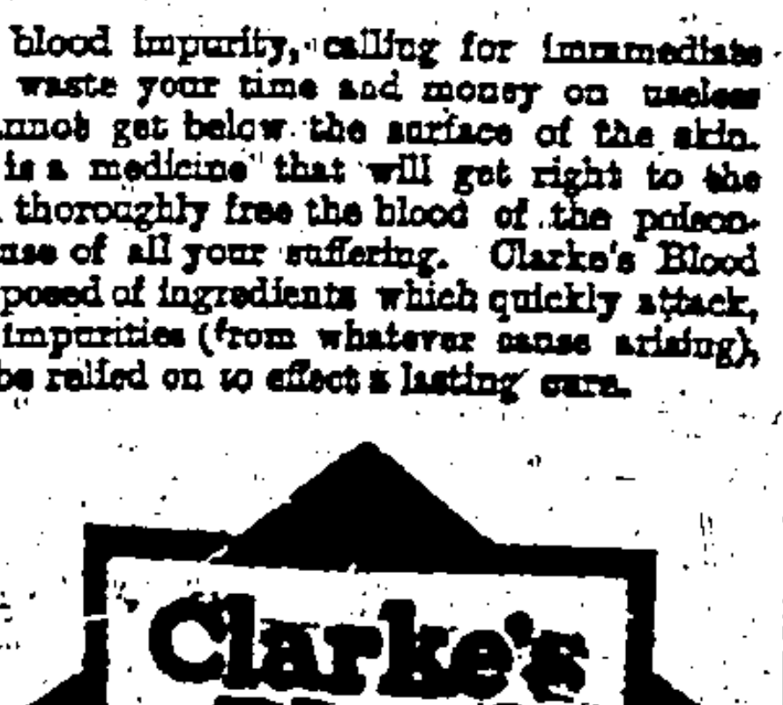

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

NATIONAL LABOUR CONGRESS.

LONDON, December 29th.

The National Labour Congress, which is holding its meeting at the Central Hall, Westminster, to discuss the Irish and Unemployment questions, has unanimously passed a resolution deploring the condition of affairs in Ireland and demanding a judicial enquiry into the charges of reprisals, and the punishment of those proved guilty.

The Conference adopted by a large majority, a resolution moved by Mr. A. Henderson denouncing the Sinn Fein outrages and reprisals, urging that peace negotiations be opened on the basis of the British Labour party's policy approved at the All Ireland Labour Conference held on November 16th, namely:—

Firstly, the withdrawal of troops from Ireland

Secondly, summoning a Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of proportional representation by free and secret vote

Thirdly, drafting by the Assembly of a Constitution, subject only to two conditions, namely, affording protection to minorities and preventing Ireland from becoming a military or naval menace.

The Conference also passed a resolution with regard to unemployment, urging the resumption of trade with Russia and outlining a scheme of temporary maintenance of the unemployed by the Government at the rate of forty shillings weekly for men and twenty-five shillings for women.

UNEMPLOYED WOMEN.

LONDON, December 29th.

The large number of unemployed women is only less serious in degree than is the case of the unemployed men. There are numerous vacancies in domestic service but the women, apparently, feel an increasing dislike for housework, especially when it involves sleeping in.

There were 46,000 unemployed women registered at the Labour Exchanges in November, but 11,000 out of 28,000 vacant situations were unfilled.

The Ministry of Labour is arranging a domestic training scheme for women desirous of learning, thereby meeting cases in which applicants for situations admit their inability to wash a cup and saucer or to boil the potatoes.

THE COAL TRADE.

LONDON, December 29th.

Coal mining statistics for 1920 show that the workers received unprecedented wages. It was estimated in August that the annual pay, including that of the surfacemen, averaged £220.

The effect of the increase of wages is reflected in the high cost of production, which is 34s. 3½d. per ton. Embracing all costs, the average wage-cost works out at 26s. 3d. The recent agreement for an advance in wages will probably add two shillings a ton to the wage cost.

There are now 200,000 more men and boys employed than in 1913. The output has exceeded five million tons weekly during the past month, but, despite a large increase, the total is still substantially under that for 1913. This is due to the reduction of the working hours.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

LONDON, December 29th.

A message from Tours, dated December 28th, states that to-day's proceedings at the Socialist Congress were dramatically interrupted by the entry of the notorious Clara Zetkin, whom the President welcomed as Lenin's delegate. Zetkin replied in a violent speech, declaring that the French Socialists should become divided so as to ensure their ultimate union by getting rid of the Moderates. She added that it was time the proletariats of France, Germany and Great Britain came to the help of the Russian proletariat.

President Frossard pointed out that Zetkin herself admitted that the German proletariat was responsible for the war, but he hoped the latter would not be driven to make a new war by the Treaty of Versailles.

TREATY OF RAPALLO.

LONDON, December 29th.

A message from Rome states that General Ferrario, commander of the Italian troops surrounding Fiume, agreed to suspend firing at the request of delegates from Fiume, who met him at Abbazia yesterday morning, but he insisted on a signed declaration of unconditional acceptance of the Treaty of Rapallo. The delegates returned to Abbazia in the afternoon with the declaration signed by the leading citizens, with the exception of d'Annunzio, who promised to sign if the declaration were accepted.

ROME, December 29th.

The *Corriere della Sera*, of Abbazia, says that d'Annunzio handed over all authority to the Communal Council at Fiume.

A semi-official message from Fiume states that the agreement may be regarded as concluded. D'Annunzio has issued a proclamation declaring that it is not worth while dying for Italy. It is stated that he is leaving Fiume in an aeroplane.

RUMANIA MENACED.

LONDON, December 29th.

Rumania is confronted with a grave situation. According to an urgent telegram from the Foreign Minister, M. Jonescu, received in London, twelve Bolshevik divisions are massed on the Bessarabian frontier and Hungarian troops have occupied the neutral zone, despite the decisions of the Inter-Allied Commission.

The Rumanian Government has sent a Note to the Allies drawing attention to this new menace and assuring them of its own Pacific intentions, but declaring that the remobilization of the Rumanian Army is impossible until the situation is cleared up.

Rumania has been informed that the matter will be submitted to the Ambassadors' Conference in Paris.

SHAREHOLDERS V. DIRECTORS.

NEW YORK, December 29th.

The suit of the Newhaven Railroad shareholders against the directors for the recovery of one hundred and fifty million dollars, which has been pending since 1916, has been settled by a compromise, whereby the directors pay two-and-a-half million dollars with costs.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMANY'S EVASION OF HER PLEDGES.

LONDON, December 29th.

A message from Berlin states that the latest kind of German evasion of pledges is revealed in a Note to the German Government from the Inter-Allied Military Control Commission pointing out that instead of demilitarising the Security Police and amalgamating it with the civilian Police, the latter has already been absorbed in the former, while the Security Police are still armed with machine-guns and other firearms, contrary to the Government's disarmament pledges.

STRICTER CONTROL OF OIL COMPANIES.

LONDON, December 29th.

A group of deputies have introduced a Bill into the Chamber providing for the stricter control of oil companies in France, whereby the companies must have their offices and keep their accounts in French territory and be subject to Government supervision. At least two-thirds of their stock must belong to French holders and two-thirds of the directors and high officials must be French.

ECONOMY IN AMERICA.

WASHINGTON, December 29th.

The public demand for economy is reflected in the treatment accorded to the Miscellaneous Estimates Bill by a Committee of the House of Representatives, which approved of a total of 421 million dollars less than was asked for by the Government Department. The largest reduction is that of 144 million dollars in the amount asked for by the Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation. Three hundred thousand dollars asked for the enforcement of the Liquor Prohibition Law was eliminated altogether.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK, December 29th.

It is forecasted that the official survey now being made will show 2,750,000 unemployed in the United States.

It is reported from Los Angeles that 50,000 actors and others connected with the Cinema industry are workless owing to the financial stringency and to the policy of producing fewer but better films.

AEROPLANE ACCIDENT.

LONDON, December 29th.

A Capetown message states that a ghastly aeroplane accident marred the Christmas holiday. An aeroplane, making a pleasure trip, crashed into a tall chimney and dropped to the ground, where it immediately burst into flames. All efforts to quell the conflagration proved unavailing until the Fire Brigade arrived. The four occupants—the pilot, Captain Hemming, two lady passengers and a child were killed.

BRITISH DEAD AT GALLIPOLI.

LONDON, December 29th.

The sad and difficult task of collecting the British dead in Gallipoli is practically completed and the trail of cemeteries laid along the Straits will evermore be visible to all passing ships.

It is estimated that 36,000 were killed. Sixteen thousand have been buried on the Peninsular, of whom only 6,000 have been identified, and 12,000 have been buried in the neighbouring islands, in Malta and in Egypt. The Burial Service was read and the "Last Post" sounded in all the cemeteries. Many instances have occurred in which the Turks have torn up and used as firewood the wooden crosses erected in the temporary cemeteries.

CUTICURA HEALS ITCHY PIMPLES

On Boy's Hands. Spread to Body. Could Not Sleep.

"My little boy had pimples break out on his hands and they itched very badly. They started spreading so that soon he had them over his body. They were bad weeping pimples and used to stick to the bandage. He could not sleep and his hands were quite swollen.

"Seeing a Cuticura advertisement I sent for a free sample. I bought more, and after using one box and a half of Ointment with the Soap he was healed." (Signed) Mrs. Feltham, 2, Montague Hill, St. James, Bristol, Eng.

Use these super-creamy emollients for every-day toilet purposes and help prevent distressing skin troubles. Soap to cleanse, Ointment to heal.

Soap 1s., Ointment 1s. 3d. and 2s. 6d. Sold throughout the Empire. For sample each free address: F. Newbery & Sons, Ltd., 27, Charterhouse Sq., London. Also for mail orders with price. Cuticura Soap shaves without mug.

WHOOPING COUGH.

WHEN your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and as it contains no narcotic or other injurious substances it is perfectly safe. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

BANKS.

ASIA BANKING CORPORATION

(AN AMERICAN BANK)

CAPITAL:	U.S. $4,000,000.
SURPLUS & UNDIVIDED PROFITS:	U.S. $1,489,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
NEW YORK, U.S.A.

HEAD OFFICE FOR THE ORIENT:
SHANGHAI.

BRANCHES:
TIENTSIN, CANTON, MANILA, CHANGSHA, HANKOW, PEKING

All descriptions of Banking Business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts Savings Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency, U. S. Dollars, Sterling or Francs.

American Bankers Association and Guaranty Trust Company of New York Travellers Cheques sold by us. Payable throughout the world.

VERNE CLAIR,
Acting Manager.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 30th DECEMBER, 1920.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS
11 A.M.

Sterling Exchange 3/2 T. T.

BANKS.	
Hongkong Banks	$770 sa.
East Asia Bank	123 b.
MARINE INSURANCES.	
Canton Insurance	$370 b.
North China Insurance	T153 n.
Union Insurance	$208 s.
Yangtsze Insurance	$23 n.
Far Easterns	T 20 n.
FIRE INSURANCES.	
China Fire Insurance	$125 b.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	$312 b.
SHIPPING.	
Douglases	$63 sa.
H. K. Steamboats	$24 b.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$22 b.
Do. (Def.) 205 s. L.R., 190 n. H.K.R.	
Shell Transports	115/- b.
Star Ferries	$24 b.
REFINERIES.	
China Sugars	$209 b. 210 sa.
Malabon Sugars	$50 b.
MINING.	
Kailan Mining Adm.	100/- n.
Langkats, Shanghai Loans, S'hai Explorations	Comb. T13½ b.
Raubs	$1 n.
Tronoh Mines	25/- n.
Ural Caspians	18/- s.
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.	
H. & K. Wharfs	$91 b.
H. & W. Docks	$161 b.
S'hai Docks	T 122 b. 123½ sa.
New Engineerings	T 23½ n.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	
Central Estates	$120 n.
Hongkong Hotels	$151 b.
Hongkong Lands	$127 n.
Humphreys	$8½ b.
Kowloon Lands	$35 b.
Land Reclamations	$140 n.
West Points	$55 b.
COTTON MILLS.	
Ewo Cottons	T 320 n.
Kung Yits	T 40 n.
Laou Kung Mows	—
Orientals	T 16½ n.
Shanghai Cotton	T 110 n.
Yangtszepoos	T 25 n.
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Cements	$9.40 s.
China-Borneos	—
China Lights	Old $7.80 b. New $8 b.
China Providents	$7.90 b.
Dairy Farms	$22 n.
H. K. Electrics	$18½ b.
Macao Do.	$30 n.
Hongkong Ropes	$22½ n.
Hongkong Tramways	$7½ b.
Peak Tramways (Old)	$7½ b.
Do. (New)	$0.75 b.
Steam Laundries	$4½ b.
H.K. Steel Foundry	$10 n.
Water-boats	$16 b.
Watsons	$8 b.
Wm. Powells	$20 b.
Wiseman's	$31 b.

MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS (for Ladies)

A French Remedy for all Irregularities. Thousands of Ladies always keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house, so that on the first sign of any irregularity of the System a timely dose may be administered. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. All Chemists and Stores sell them throughout the World, or post free from MARTIN, Chemist, Southampton, Eng.

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Hardware, Metals, Paints and Oils.

Full Lines of Shipschandlery Supplies.

KWONG SANG & CO.,
Established in 1863.
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Godowns 786.

LIFE WITHOUT HEALTH IS LIVING DEATH.

VETARZO BRAIN AND NERVE FOOD

The latest discovery of modern times, is without equal in all cases of defective nerve and brain power, whether induced by worry, overwork, dissipation, or other influences. Sleeplessness, palpitation, defective circulation, nervous dyspepsia, tic or neuralgia, low spirits, mental and bodily prostration, want of confidence, general debility, premature decay or deficiency of the vital forces, loss of vitality, harassing dreams, restlessness that can settle to nothing, irritability of temper, female complaints, hysteria, backache, bearing down sensations, wasting diseases, consumption, night sweats, muddy, high-coloured water, &c., are all so many different phases of brain and nerve wreckage and exhaustion, the cause of by far the greater portion of the misery, ill-health and despondency by which we are confronted on every hand, that can only be successfully combated by the use of this wonderful and highly scientific preparation. Bracing up the system generally, it gives tone to the exhausted nerves, arrests all weakening, wasting discharges, restores the failing energies, and imparts new life and vigour to those who had so recently seemed played out, used up and valueless. "VETARZO" Blood Medicine. See next insertion for fuller particulars. Send stamped addressed envelope for free Booklet, or P.O. 2/9 for Trial Bottle of either remedy, to THE VETARZO REMEDIES CO., GOSPEL OAK, LONDON. Unprincipled Vendors may try to sell you something else for extra profit—do not accept it, but insist on having VETARZO. The genuine has words "VETARZO REMEDIES" on Government Stamp. SOLD BY BOOT'S. CASH CHEMISTS.

THE CHINESE MERCHANTS BANK, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
Alexandra Buildings, Chater Road.

General Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received at rates which may be ascertained on application.

The Bank also conducts a Savings Department.

K. C. LAU,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, Aug. 17, 1920.

THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL BANK, LTD.

Head Office: 6 Des Voeux Road, Central.
Hankow Branch: Russian Concession.

DOMESTIC & FOREIGN BANKING.
SERVICE PROMPT.

Current, Savings, and Fixed Deposits bear Interest at Rates 3%, 4%, 5%, respectively.

Inquiry on our SPECIAL SERVICE will be welcomed.

J. USANG LY,
Manager.

Hongkong, July 27, 1918.

NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. every 15 minutes
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. „ 10 „
9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. „ 15 „
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. „ 15 „
12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. „ 10 „
2.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. „ 15 „
5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. „ 10 „

NIGHT CARS

8.50 p.m., 9 p.m., 9.20 p.m.
9.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m. every 30 minutes
11.45 p.m.

SATURDAYS

EXTRA CAR—12.00 midnight.

SUNDAYS

7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. every 15 minutes
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. „ 10 „
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon „ 15 „
12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m. „ 10 „
1.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. „ 15 „
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. „ 10 „
6.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. „ 15 „
6.30 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. „ 10 „

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time-tables, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Notes.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 30, 1920.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	3/-2
„ On demand,	3/2-3/16
„ 30 days' sight,	3/2-1/16
„ 4 months' sight,	3/-2 5/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	3/-4
Documentary 4 months' sight	3/-4⅜
On Paris—	
On demand,	855
Credits, 4 months' sight,	1015
On New York—	
On demand,	56
Credits, 60 days' sight	58¼
On Bombay—	
Wire,	218½
On demand	—
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	218½
On demand	—
On Singapore—	
On demand	137
On Manila—	
On demand,	125 n.
On Shanghai—	
On demand	
30 days' sight (private paper)	
On Yokohama—	
On demand,	116
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	45
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	6.30 n.
Silver (per oz.),	43

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Hongkong 50 cents sub.	1/16 % dis.
„ 10 „	1/16 % dis.
„ 5 „	2½ % p.m.
Canton coins „	16.5 % dis.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	9 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cash	4 % pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	
Rate of Native Interest	7 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	16½ % dis.
Hongkong Sub. Coin	½ % dis.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.................. $15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:—
Sterling ....£ 1,500,000
Silver $22,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS $15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:
Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr,—Cha[illegible]
A.H. Compton, Esq.—[illegible]man.

R. H. Dodwell, Esq.	John[illegible]tone, Esq.
G.T. M. Edkins, Esq.	
A. S. Gubbay, Esq.	A. O. Lang, Esq.
Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.	W. L. Pattenden, Esq. J. A. Plummer, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER:
Hongkong—A. G. STEPHEN, Esq.

ACTING MANAGER:
Shanghai—G. H. STITT, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS.
LONDON COUNTY WESTMINSTER AND PARR'S BANK LIMITED.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and FIXED DEPOSITS received for one year or shorter periods in Local Currency and Sterling on terms which will be quoted on application.

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 17, 1920.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 14, 1918.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK)

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL	F. 250,000,000
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL	F. 150,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL	F. 75,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS	F. 30,000,000
SUBSCRIBED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CHINESE REPUBLIC	F. 50,000,000

Chairman of the Board of Directors ... Andre Berthelot.
General Manager ... A. J. Pernotte.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.

BRANCHES:

Antwerp	Hongkong	Shanghai
Batavia	London	Singapore
Bordeaux	Lyon	Swatow
Canton	Marseille	
Dunkerque	Moukden	
Foochow	New York	Vladivostock
Haiphong	Pekin	Yokohama
Hankow	Pnom-Penh	Yunnanfu
Hanoi	Saigon	

BANKERS:
In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
In LONDON: London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
In SAN FRANCISCO: Crocker National Bank.
Correspondents in the Chief Commercial Centres of the World.

Telegraphic Address: CHIBANKIND.

Interest on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Special facilities for French exchange.

M. MONTARGIS,
Manager.

Hongkong, October 15, 1920.

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Authorised Capital	F. 100,000,000	£8,333,333
Paid-Up Capital	F. 80,000,000	£6,666,666
Reserve Fund	F. 17,353,284	£1,446,107
Special Reserve	F. 25,160,000	£2,096,666

HEAD OFFICE—Amsterdam.
Branches at
The Hague — Rotterdam
HEAD AGENCY—Batavia,
Branches:

Bandjermasin	Penang
Bandoeng	Pontianak
Calcutta	Rangoon
Cheribon	Samarang
Djember	Shanghai
Djokjakarta	Singapore
Kobe	Soerabaia
Kota-Radja	Soerakarta (Solo)
Langsa	Tebing Tinggi (Deli)
Macassar	Tegal
Medan	Telok Betong
Padang	Tjilatjap
Palembang	Weltevreden
Pekalongan	

Correspondents at Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

London Bankers: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

W. H. GROSHAMP,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, Oct. 25, 1920.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
15, Gracechurch Street, London E.C. 3

Authorised Capital	£3,000,000
Subscribed Capital	1,800,000
Paid-up Capital	1,050,000
Reserve Fund	1,050,000

BANKERS:
The Bank of England.
The London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES:

Bombay	Hongkong	Kuala Lumpur	Rangoon
Calcutta	Howrah	Madras	Shanghai
Colombo	Kandy	New York	Singapore
Delhi	Karachi	Penang	
Galle	Kota Bharu	Port Louis (Mauritius)	

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance and on Fixed Deposits at rates that may be ascertained on application.

N. C. WILSON,
Acting Manager.

7 Queen's Road Central,
Hongkong, June 28, 1920.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:—
No. 2, Queen's Road Central, HONGKONG.
Established 1919.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ...$2,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND, ...200,000.00

DIRECTORS:—
Mr. Fong Wai Ting, Chairman.

Mr. Chow Shou Son,	Mr. Kan Ying Po,
Mr. Li Koon Chun,	Mr. Mok Ching Kong,
Mr. Tung Ping Shan,	Mr. Wong Yun Tong,
Mr. P. K. Kwok,	Mr. Chau Ching Shek,

Mr. Ng Chung Lak.

Chief Manager, Mr. Kan Tong Po.
Asst. Manager, Mr. Li Tse Fong.

BRANCHES & AGENCIES:—

LONDON	NEW YORK
SHANGHAI	SAN FRANCISCO
KOBE	YOKOHAMA
NAGASAKI	SAIGON
SINGAPORE	PENANG
TIENTSIN	HANKOW
MANILA	BATAVIA
SAMARANG	SOURABAYA

London Bankers:—The London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on Savings Account Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 1st, 1920.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE.

(FRENCH BANK.)

HEAD OFFICE:
15bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... Frs. 72,000,000.00
PAID UP CAPITAL ... Frs. 68,400,000.00
RESERVE FUNDS ... Frs. 89,567,203.54

[illegible]CHES:
[illegible] Saigon
H[illegible]
Han[illegible]
Hanoi

IN FRANCE: Co[illegible] d'Escompte de Paris; Cré[illegible] Banque de Paris et des [illegible] Credit Industriel et Co[illegible] Société Générale.

IN LONDON:—The National Provincial & Union Bank of England Ltd. Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

IN NEW YORK: J. P. Morgan & Co. French American Banking Corporation; Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

V. MARSOT,
Acting Manager.

Hongkong, Nov. 1, 1920.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

行銀國中

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

Authorised Capital	$60,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital	12,279,800.06
Reserve Funds	4,116,772.00

HEAD OFFICE: PEKING.

HONGKONG BRANCH: 20/21, Connaught Road, Central, Branches and Sub-branches all over China and Correspondents in San Francisco, Singapore and Tokyo.

London Bankers:—The National Provincial and Union Bank of England Ltd.

New York Bankers:—Irving Trust Company.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits.

Terms on application.

Every description of Banking Business transacted.

Loans granted on approved securities.

Special facilities for Home Exchange.

Interest on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:—

For 3 months—3% per annum.
For 6 months—4% per [illegible]
For 12 months—[illegible]

[illegible]
Manager.

Hongkong, January [illegible]

THE CHARTERED BANK
INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHIN

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL C
1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... £3,000,
RESERVE FUND ... £2,000,
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... £3,000,

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and Gene Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened FIXED DEPOSITS received for [illegible] or shorter periods at rates wh[illegible] quoted on application.

J. C[illegible]
Manag

Hongkong, January 1, 1920.

THE CHINA SPECIE BANK LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
St. George's Building, Hongkong.

Chairman of board of directors
Mr. Wong Shiu Ham.
Chief Manager ......Mr. L. S. Holum
Asst. Manager ......Mr. K. T. Wong
Hongkong Manager Mr. I. P. All

Foreign exchange and general banking business transacted.

Current, Savings, and Fixed deposits bear interests at rates of 3%, 4% and [illegible] per annum respectively.

L. S. HOLUM
Chief Manag

Hongkong, October 2, 1920.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED

HEAD OFFICE:
HONGKONG.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE
General Banking Business tra
CURRENT ACCOUNTS o
and FIXED DEPOSITS received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 Months 3% per
For 6 Months 4% per
For 12 Months 4½% per

LOOK POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, April 28, 1920.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

(TAIWAN GINKO).

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

FORMOS[illegible]
Keelu[illegible]
Shinchiku,
Takow, Tamsu[illegible]
CHINA—Shanghai, Hank[illegible]
Amoy, Foochow,
Canton
OTHERS—Bangkok, Hongkong[illegible]
pore, Soerabaya, [illegible]
Batavia, Bombay, Lond[illegible]
York.

LONDON BANKERS:
London County Westminster [illegible]
Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents [illegible] Commercial Centres in European [illegible] tinent, Russia, Manchuria, [illegible] Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philipp[illegible] Islands, Java, and other Dutch [illegible] Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Acc[illegible] and Fixed Deposits at rates which wil[illegible] quoted on application.

S. K[illegible]
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
3, Des Voeux Road Central.
Hongkong, September 1, 1920.

THE YOKOHAMA SPE
BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL (fully paid up) ... Y.100,00[illegible]
RESERVE FUND ... [illegible]

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES [illegible]

BATAVIA	KOBE?
BOMBAY	NEW YORK
BUENOS AIRES	OSAKA
CALCUTTA	PEKING
CHANGCHUN	[illegible]
DAIREN (DALNY)	SAN FRANCISCO
FENGTIEN (MUKDEN)	SHANGHAI
HAMBURG	[illegible]
HONGKONG	[illegible]
HANKOW	[illegible]
HARBIN	[illegible]
KAI YUEN	[illegible]
KOBE	[illegible]
LONDON	[illegible]
LOS ANGELES	TOKYO
[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	VLADIVOSTOCK
[illegible]	[illegible]

[illegible]

Hongkong, September [illegible]

NOTICES.

American Machine and Foundry Company

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THE TWO BEST CIGARETTE MAKING MACHINES IN THE WORLD

"STANDARD"—600 Cigarettes per minute

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Sole Agents:

ARNHOLD BROTHERS & Co., Ltd.

1A, Chater Road. 'Phone 1500.

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HAVE YOU BOUGHT THAT

CAILLERS

GIFT BOX YET?

EACH FILLED WITH HIGHEST QUALITY CHOCOLATES.

BOXES CAN AFTERWARDS BE USED FOR HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, etc.

BOXES VARYING FROM 1 TO 8 POUNDS AT PRICES 2.50 TO 16 DOLLARS.

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LANE, CRAWFORD HUNG CHUNG
WATSON'S SINCERE'S
WISEMAN'S SUN CO.,
BLUE BIRD WING ON
BOSTON CANDY STORE YAU KEE

Look for that Gold Seal Tab "BONBONS CAILLER."

Co.

Merchants;

Keepers.

HONGKONG.

Code A. B. C. 5th.

IN 1920.

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23.—Legislative Council meeting. [illegible]cond ordinary general meeting of [illegible]areholders of the China Light and [illegible]wer Co., Ltd. Organ Recital at [illegible] Andrew's Church, Kowloon. [illegible]ath of Mr. J. C. Wilkin, Chief [illegible]eventive Officer, Revenue Department.

25.—Christmas Service at the Churches. Death of Mr. Ireland, Works Manager of the China Light and Power Co.

26.—Earthquake tremor felt in Hongkong.

[illegible].—Death of Mrs. M. S. Northcote after long illness. Lance-Sergt. Gardiner of the Police Force shot dead in encounter with armed robbers at No. 315, Reclamation Street, Yaumati. Sergeant McWalter wounded in the left arm in the same affray. Charity Football match on the Club ground in aid of St. Dunstan's Home for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

28.—Impressive funeral of L.-Sgt. Gardiner, the victim of the Yaumati shooting affray. Chinese residents give big dinner at Kam Ling Hotel, West Point, in honour of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Colonial Secretary, and the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, prior to their departure on Home leave.

29.—Major-General Sir George M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S., the new General Officer Commanding the Troops, arrives on the Transport "Bremen." The transport "Bremen" brings Naval reliefs and Police recruits. Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Stabb leave for Home by the s.s. "Colombia."

30.—Taikoo Club annual ball.

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The London Library has decided not to stock the Reminiscence of Mrs Asquith. This is a decision at once piquant and significant in view of the fact that the library makes a point of keeping at least one copy of every book excepting those which the committee consider do not possess any literary merit and are unlikely to have any historical value. Such well-known figures in the political and literary world as Mr Arthur Balfour and Mr. Edmund Gosse are upon the roll of the library's officials, so Mrs Asquith's work has been judged by competent brains.

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FOR	PER	TIMES.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.		
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*Philippine Islands	Mesopotamia	2 p.m.
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Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chongva	5 p.m.
Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Bombay, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via MARSEILLES. Registration 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 1st Letters at 8.20 a.m. The Parcel Mail will be closed on Friday, 31st Dec., at Noon.	Sicilia	
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1.		
Philippine Islands	Mesopotamia	9 a.m.
*Shanghai and *North China	Tungshing	9 a.m.
*Swatow	Chungking	9 a.m.
*Japan	Tjipanas	9 a.m.
Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Dairen	Yunnan	9 a.m.
Shanghai and North China	Tean	9 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Choysang	9 a.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 2.		
Swatow, Amoy and Keelung	Amakusa Maru	9 a.m.
*Saigon	Telemachus	9 a.m.
Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, *Egypt Aden & EUROPE via MARSEILLES. Registration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.	Amazone	
MONDAY, JANUARY 3.		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hailoong	11 a.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4.		
Swatow and Bangkok	Chengtu	8 a.m.
Amoy, *Shanghai and *North China	Shantung	11 a.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and *North China	Kwongshing	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Hoihow and Haiphong	Loksang	9 a.m.
Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand, via THURSDAY ISLAND, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	Taiyuan	
Shanghai, North China and Japan	Kwongsang	5 p.m.
*Shanghai and *North China	Hopsang	5 p.m.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6.		
Shanghai and North China	Sinkiang	11 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	11 a.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai & *North China	Wingsang	5 p.m.

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ENTERTAINMENT.

CHEFALO AND PALERMO, MAGICIANS.

WORLD TOUR STARS APPEAR HERE SATURDAY WEEK.

Speaking several languages including of course English, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Chefalo and Palermo, magicians, have wended their way round the world in a triumphal fashion. They have appeared all over Europe, both Continents in America, Africa and Australia and now they are coming here to enchant and delight and mystify. Some of the worlds great magicians of the past have visited this country but Chefalo stands supreme today in his profession, while Palermo, the "piquant" as she is called is justly described the worlds greatest woman illusionist and quick change artist, for she changes her wonderful costumes for each trick she does. In addition she gives a Spanish dance and she and Chefalo do a real Argentine Tango, having learnt this dance in the country of its origin. To create records in the great centres of Europe, such as London, Paris, Madrid and other such centres, might not be quoted as so extraordinary if it were not for the fact that these artists have broken records all over the world. To play 465 successive nights in Buenos Aires can be quoted as a prodigious instance of their success—and to achieve this they must naturally be artists out of the ordinary. Coming from Australia to the East the Australian papers described them as "the cleverest conjurors who have visited this country," "the greatest present day illusionists", "creating a wonderful impression everywhere", "Chefalo puts the audience in high good humour: but Signorina Palermo leaves the house amazed at their wizardry". Chefalo and Palermo, bring their own complete company and effects with them and the stage dressings are unusually fine, even for a magic show. The costumes of Signorina Palermo are the envy of the gentler sex everywhere for her "creations" are from the creative models in the great art centres of the world. She changes on no less than fifteen times at each performance—an amazing performance apart from her conjuring and other efforts. These world artists commence their season here in the THEATRE ROYAL, TO-MORROW WEEK January 8, the performance commencing at 9.15 each evening. Seats for the season here can be booked in advance at MOUTRIE'S daily, where early application is advisable.

SPORT.

VOLLEY-BALL LEAGUE.

SEASON CLOSES TO-DAY.

The Hongkong Volley Ball League will close its season to-day at 4.30 p.m., when an exhibition match will be played by the winners against the Rest of the League on the Y.M.C.A. playground, Bridges Street.

The Hon. Sir Robert Ho Tung has kindly consented to attend and to present the trophies to the winners of the League. St. Paul's College "A" team and Ellis Kadoorie School are the prize bearers of the Senior and Junior and Small Boys' Divisions respectively.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to see the game.

CHARITY FOOTBALL.

GOOD GAMES PROMISED.

Football enthusiasts are reminded of the Charity Matches arranged by the Hongkong Football Association to take place on the Club ground, Happy Valley, on January 1 and 3. The matches—British Isles v. The Rest and England v. Scotland—will be played between teams chosen entirely from the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the Hongkong Football League, respectively. The teams as published yesterday are well matched, and excellent games are assured. Holiday-makers should not miss this opportunity of witnessing first class football as well as helping a good cause. Both matches will kick-off at 4.30 p.m., sharp and in anticipation of a large crowd, the public is advised to turn up early in order to secure accommodation in the grand stand, admission to which will be $1.

In connection with the gambling case reported on Wednesday, under the heading of "Prison by Mistake," it now appears that the accused did have a previous conviction for gambling, but not for keeping a gambling den. He was given the option of a fine on that occasion, but, unable to raise the money, went to jail for two months. When he was brought before Magistrate Ormo on the subsequent occasion, the record was produced and the fact that he had served two months for gambling gave rise to the mistaken assumption that he had had a previous conviction for keeping a gaming house. Had the option of a fine been entered in the record, it was stated, the mistake would not have been possible. In fairness to those in charge of the records, it must be stated that the record produced was not that of another man as at first stated.

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Wesleyan Methodist Church Wanchai.

(OPPOSITE ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL.)

Divine Services, on Friday evening 11 o'clock. Watch night Services; on Sunday Morning 10.15. Subject:—"Life's Handicap;" Evening 6 Subject:—"A lucky fellow." Preacher, Rev. C. Clouston, Porri, H. C. F. 3 p.m. Children's Service Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home (corner of Arsenal Street Praya East) 3 p.m. P. S. A. Speaker Sgt. Francis 8.15 p.m. Gospel Meeting conducted by the Chaplain. Church Parade of 1st Wanchai Troop Boy Scouts at 10.15 a.m. at Wesleyan Church. Holy Communion at close of Evening Service.

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